

**Approved 12/8/10**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:17 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Richard Knabel, Cindy Mitchell, Jennifer Rand.

**Guests:** Brian Cioffi, John Christensen, B. Stone, K. Logue, E. Mendenhall, J. Bank, J. Ames, B&B Day, S. Silk

**Emergency Planning Letter:** John Christensen asked the Board to sign a letter endorsing the MV Regional Emergency Planning Committee and further appointing him as the Community Emergency Response Coordinator. This effort is in response to recommendations by the Mass. Emergency Response Commission.

*C. Mitchell motioned to endorse the Martha's Vineyard Emergency Planning Committee and further to appoint John Christensen as the Community Emergency Response Coordinator. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Mutual Aid Agreement:** Dan Rossi explained that the hospital was already in the original agreement, in the new agreement, Gosnold and Edgartown district and Juvenile Courts were added. He said it allowed police to operate outside their jurisdictions. He noted that Gosnold used the Island's court system and Chilmark occasionally assisted on Gosnold.

*C. Mitchell motioned to sign the amended Mutual Aid Agreement Pact for Police Departments of Dukes County. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Police Chief Search:** Cindy said she had evaluated the three candidates based on their professional leadership, their knowledge of West Tisbury and their style and presence. She felt all scored well in the leadership department, but the two from off-island did not seem to have taken the time to learn about WT. She said it could be because they knew there was a "strong in-house candidate" but that hurt them. She said that in the style department the two off-island candidates seemed like nice people but Dan attitude and demeanor were impressive and an excellent fit for the town. She felt there was not question Dan was the superior choice. Richard said he also felt all three were qualified for leadership positions somewhere, and the Search Committee had done a very good job selecting the candidates to be interviewed. He said he felt Mr. Pedoty would have a difficult time fitting into West Tisbury and he had concerns about how long he would last in the job. He felt Mr. Hull might have been a good fit for the town of West Tisbury if indeed the town wanted to bring in an outsider. Ultimately he felt Dan Rossi met all the town's requirements and he has the support of the department and other departments on the island and he would also support Mr. Rossi. Richard then thanked the Search Committee for all their hard work.

*C. Mitchell motioned to enthusiastically and respectfully appoint Daniel Rossi Chief of Police. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*