

**Approved 5/25/11**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2011 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Pam Thors-Adm. Asst., Ernie Mendenhall –Building Inspector, members of the public and the press.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 4/13 and 4/20 were discussed.

*R. Knabel made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/13/2011. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Nick van Nes re: petition article:** Skipper invited Mr. van Nes to speak for five minutes to make amends for the fact that he had not had the courteous attention of the voters at Town Meeting. Mr. van Nes discussed the 911 Commission Report. He said that there had been no official investigation into possible controlled demolition of Building #7 of the World Trade Center. He explained that as a Navy trained demolition expert, he feels strongly that the voters should have the opportunity to ask Massachusetts State Representatives to vote for a full investigation. He asked about petitioning for a Special Town Meeting. He was directed to the Town Clerk's Office.

**Police Promotion/Appointments:**

Chief Rossi recommended that Garrison Vieira be promoted to Corporal. Cindy asked Chief Rossi to explain the differences between the Sergeant, Lieutenant and Corporal positions. He explained the jobs and respective duties.

*C. Mitchell made a motion to approve the promotion of Officer Vieira to Corporal. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention, (S. Manter)..*

Chief Rossi recommended that the following men be appointed for the upcoming summer season; Robert Cusack, Jason Flanders and Daniel Durawa

*C. Mitchell made a motion to approve the appointments. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention, (S. Manter).*

**Garden Club Art Show 7/8/11-7/10/11:**

*R. Knabel made a motion to allow the event. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Building Inspector Access to Counsel:** Ernie explained that he is unclear as to whether a building permit should be issued for a lot in Island Heights and asked permission to consult Town Counsel.

*R. Knabel made a motion to grant access. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Event Permit-Island Children's School May fest 5/14, 10-2:**

*R. Knabel made a motion to approve the permit. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Richard Olsen-lease lot:** Richie asked the Board if they had seen the bid for the lease lot in question. Skipper said that they had not. Skipper read a letter, dated 4/20/2011 from Ritchie to them. Ritchie explained his frustration about the process since being outbid for the lease. He said that, under the circumstances, he would have appreciated communication from the Board of Selectmen. The Board expressed their gratitude for all he has done for the town as Highway Department Superintendent. Cindy stated that it was a procurement issue which limited their involvement and control. They said that Jen had been working hard to find a way to resolve the situation since finding out that he had been outbid. Richie informed the Board that the effective use of the town owned salt shed lot depended on his also having use of the lease lot. He said that turning some Highway Department trucks around often required using space on the lease lot. The Board stated that they had not been aware of this and that maybe something could be done.

**Brandy Brow easement:** Ashley Hunter from the By-Ways Committee addressed the Board about making a connection through Brandy Brow to the Library. An offer from the Welles family was discussed. Richard suggested that the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over that property and that they should contact them as soon as possible. Richard asked to have Jen bring the letter from the Welles' to the next meeting. Parking at the Library was brought up. The Committee was again advised that the Conservation Commission should be consulted first. Bill Veno from the Martha's Vineyard Commission said that they are working with the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank to collaborate on this effort with the town. He said that the Welles family was still interested in providing access.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Local Hazard Mitigation Plan:** The letter was read and it was suggested that a copy be sent to John Christenson, Emergency Manager.

**West Tisbury Library Poet Laureate:** The letter asking that Fan Ogilvie be appointed as Poet Laureate of West Tisbury for the year 2011-2012 was read.

*R. Knabel moved to approve the appointment. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

**David Douglas-Planning Board resignation:** The letter of resignation was read. Cindy suggested that a letter be sent, thanking him for his thirty years of service to the town. It was asked that Jen draft a letter to be signed at the next meeting. It was suggested that a copy of the letter of resignation be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

*R. Knabel made a motion to adjourn. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.*