

**Approved 1/20/16**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 6, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 4:48 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** John Powers, Don Hatch, Tim Barnett, David Merry, Edie Prescott, Heather Hamacek

**Facilities Maintenance Committee:** Jen explained that she had met briefly with the new Committee and they suggested that the charge was really more like a job and too much for a committee to accomplish. They will attend the meeting to discuss next week. Meanwhile, Jen said she was going to ask for the funding to hire someone to do the work, as the last warrant article had expired. In this case she anticipated having someone on board prior to town meeting to avoid the problem in years past of not being able to find anyone to do the work.

**Refuse District re: Authorization to Borrow:** John Powers said that the timing of the town meeting votes last year to allow the Refuse District to borrow did not quite work; consequently, the District must either go back for a second vote or ask the State Legislature to pass legislation allowing the District to borrow. Representative Madden has said he would assist with the process provided the 4 town Boards of Selectmen voted to request this.

*R. Knabel motioned to approve the request to ask the Legislature to allow the Refuse District to borrow money. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Cemetery Regulations:** Richard said he thought the revised regulations were not clear and wanted to discuss them next week when Skipper was back. Cindy suggested they needed a definitions section. It will be on the agenda next week.

**Snow Policy:** Jen said she would like to amend the town's building closure policy in the event of snow storms. She said that allowing each building manager to individually decide to close a building during a snow storm caused issues with staffing and pay equity. The Board discussed the alternative of having the decision to close town offices be made by the Board of Selectmen during "normal business hours" or until 4:30, and after that each building manager could make their own decision. The Selectmen would not determine if programming would be cancelled or not. Jen will reword the policy and bring it back to the Board.