

**Approved 10/12/16**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:07 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Adam Moore & Cub Scouts, Michael Colaneri, Edie Prescott, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 8/24/16 & 8/31/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Dead Trees in Town:** Jen said the Tree Warden was ill, but asked the Board if they wished him to submit an article to the Special Town Meeting warrant asking for funds to replenish his expense line. He explained the lack of rain had begun to impact the trees and there were far more dead trees than in years past. By his calculations it would cost about \$15k to remove the current inventory, which would completely wipe out his expense line and still not be enough funding. If he asked for the money at town meeting that would allow his expense line to remain intact for other routine expenses. The Board said that a reserve fund transfer would be appropriate, but they suggested he put an article on the warrant that could be removed just in case the Finance Committee did not authorize the transfer.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** *S. Manter motioned to send a letter to the Dept of Housing & Community Development outlining concerns about changes to the CDBG program. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Special Municipal Employee (SME) Status:** *S. Manter motioned to grant SME status to Town Counsel and Special Labor Counsel. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Station 1/New Affordable Housing Development Water Tank:** Jen said she had spoken with Counsel about the use of CPC funds for the water tank when it would be sized to serve more than the CPC funded housing. Counsel said the amount of CPC funds that could be used must be proportional to the amount associated with that housing project. She said she had then spoken to Manny and he said that 10k gallons of the 20k gallon tank would be the capacity this project would require. This meant that the other 50% of the cost would have to come from a separate town meeting request.