

**Approved 8/3/16**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 06, 2016 4:00 p.m. – 4:53 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Caroline Baum, Linda Hearn, Gina Solon, Samantha Look, Rebekah Thompson, Diane Conway, Susan Desmarais, Linda Chapman, Wayne Smith, David Miller, Wendy Nierenberg, Moira Silva, Victoria Phillips, Heather Hamacek, Tony Omar

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 6/15/16 & 6/22/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor for 6/15/16 and CM abstained for 6/22/16.*

**Turf Field at High School:** Moira Silva said she was speaking for a group of people know as “Vineyarders for Grass Fields” about the concerns they have for the proposed turf field at the high school. She reviewed the questions posed by the MV Commission when considering a “discretionary referral” and noted that many of the criteria for considering the referral were met by the project. The concerns included the chemicals use, the runoff, increased traffic, the impact to habitat, the loss of topsoil, and the lack of town oversight through the permit granting process. Richard asked if the group had spoken to the High School Committee. Moira said they tried, but the vote was taken without any answers to their questions. Skipper said there had been good discussion at the meetings, but many of the questions raised tonight had not been raised at the high school meeting, and they were good questions to ask. Victoria Phillips said the cost of the upkeep needed to be considered also. Samantha Look noted that the field would be donated, but once it was constructed all costs would transfer to the taxpayers. Richard asked if a cost comparison was done between the maintenance of grass versus the turf. Skipper said it was discussed, both have their challenges. Samantha said that this project may be creating a problem that does not currently exist. With the addition of the turf the plan would be to centralize island school sports. She said that if the fields were left as grass they would not be subject to the same level of wear because fewer games would be played there.

*C. Mitchell motioned to refer the turf field to the MV Commission as a “Discretionary Referral”. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & CM in favor SM abstained.*

**Noise Complaint:** Caroline Baum said she lived on Charles Neck Way next door to someone that ran their heavy equipment such as bobcats and tractors all day long, which was ruining her ability to enjoy her property. She said she had spoken to various town departments who have stated that he is not violating any town bylaws. Richard asked what she would like the Board to do. Caroline said it was a problem that needed a solution. Cindy said she would not be opposed to exploring a noise bylaw for the town. Jen will research.

**Library Trustee Appointment:** The Library Trustees called their meeting to order. Linda said one of the Trustees had to step down, so they had posted a notice of vacancy and Wendy Nierenberg had expressed interest. Wendy said she had a Masters in Library Science and extensive library work experience, as well as sitting on the Board of the “Friends of the WT Library”.

*S. Manter motioned to appoint Wendy Nierenberg to the Trustees until the next annual election. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote of the Trustees and the Selectmen was unanimous in favor.*

*\*\*Skipper left the meeting\*\**

**Pier Permits:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve Pier permits for Skipper Manter at #'s 70, 104, 122 & 174 Pond View Farm Road. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Vacation Carry-Over – Building Inspector:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the Building Inspector's vacation carry-over of 49.18 hours. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*