

**Approved 3/30/16**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:48 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Mathew Dix, Andrew Woodruff, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek

**Minutes:** Skipper noted some corrections to the minutes of 1/27; they will be changed and resent to the Board for a vote next week.

**Ice House Pond:** Mathew Dix presented the Board with information about the new parking and use plan for Manaquayak Preserve (Ice House Pond). He said the trailhead on Manaquayak will now only be for the use of staff or individuals over the age of 70. The new trailhead will be near Seth's Pond with room for 4 cars. He said the old trailhead will only allow walk-on passes for people who live in the neighborhood; the new trailhead will allow walk-ons. The intent is to limit the traffic on Manaquayak, which has grown extensively over the years. Richard asked if there would be signage to direct people to the new entrance. Mathew said there will be a use pamphlet given to everyone. He said the road is too dangerous for a sign at the end of Manaquayak Road, but perhaps they could put on at Black Brook crossing. Skipper asked why the neighbors on Manaquayak would get special treatment with walk on passes not available to everyone. Mathew said it would help eliminate people driving down the road to drop off, and those residents have born the burden of the traffic for years. He also added it would save them driving their car around to the other entrance and taking up spots there.

**Access to Council re: Highway Building on Old Courthouse Road:** Jen explained that she had found recently that there may be a problem with the Assessor's map as it relates to this property. She noted that she had worked with Dianne Powers to track the history of the town's ownership, and at the time there were some questions about one of the parcels. Now, she said, it may turn out there is not a missing parcel, but the town's map is incorrect. She said that she thought it would take a while to sort out and she would like to begin now so if the building were to be repurposed by the town this issue would be solved already. Skipper asked if the cost should be shared by the neighbor, Jen said for now the only problem she was looking to solve was a town problem.

*S. Manter motioned to allow access to Council. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Town Administrator Vacation Carry-Over:** *S. Manter motioned to allow the Town Administrator to carry over 99 hours of vacation time. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) Update:** Jen gave the Board an update on the financial situation at CVEC right now. She said that the income for the organization was lower than anticipated due in part to changes to the number and size of "Round Two" projects that were developed. She said that the towns that built projects during "Round One" had been approached for a one cent adder for two years to increase revenue but at the end of the prior week it became apparent that not all those towns would be able to make a decision for the next fiscal year so that will have to be pursued at a later date. Richard asked if member dues had been discussed, Jen said yes, but was not being pursued yet. Skipper said he would not be in favor of that. Richard asked if Counsel should be consulted to explain the step-in rights if CVEC were to dissolve. Jen

suggested that the Board not spend the money now, as there were unanswered questions about the CVEC budget and there may not be a concern for the near future.

**Budget Presentation:** Skipper handed out a sheet showing how he would like the school budget shown in the town report. He felt it was more informative and gave the whole picture of the spending. Jen will work with Bruce to come up with something that works.