The Board of Selectmen met in Executive Session on September 4, 2012 in the Tisbury Town Hall.

Present: Tristan R. Israel, Chairman; and Jonathan V. Snyder, Clerk; John R. Bugbee, Town Administrator and Aase M. Jones, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

Also Present: Police Chief Dan Hanavan.

Selectman Jeffrey C. Kristal was not present.

Motion: To go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, real estate, approval of Executive Session Minutes and contract negotiations, not to reconvene in Open Session. Seconded.

Voting: Mr. Israel: Yes; Mr. Snyder: Yes.

Convened in Executive Session: 5:50 p.m. M/s/c.

Officer Kelly Kershaw Case: was addressed first.

Town Administrator John Bugbee stated that the question is when Ms. Kershaw reports that she is able to return to work, should she be placed on administrative leave and sent for counseling regarding several alcohol-related incidents that have occurred recently?

Mr. Bugbee continued by stating that there has been two calls for so-called “welfare checks” on Ms. Kershaw at her home as well as an incident on Main Street when she was obviously intoxicated. Mr. Bugbee concluded his comments by asking if Ms. Kershaw would be putting people at risk when she puts her badge on.

Some discussion followed but no decisions were made.

The Sudden Death of Former Sgt. Fiske’s Wife Last Weekend: was mentioned next.

Police Chief Dan Hanavan noted that he heard “on the street” that there may be a wrongful death suit coming our way.

Mr. Israel pointed out that the Board gave Mr. Fiske an opportunity to have his job back.

Chief Hanavan noted that Mrs. Fiske had health issues, she was losing weight and had also lost a couple of jobs during the past year(s).

Safety Issue: Mr. Kristal noted that he wanted to address a certain safety issue (in the Harbor), but whether this could be done in Executive Session was not determined. Mr. Israel then asked Town Administrator John Bugbee to check into this matter, which he suggested might not be an appropriate subject for an Executive Session.

Mr. Bugbee responded that the incident in question, (a collision between the Harbor Patrol Boat and a vessel belonging to the Martha’s Vineyard Shipyard) on August 10, 2012, was not a major accident, adding that Environmental Police Officer Matt Bass is looking into the incident and putting together a report. Mr. Bugbee
concluded by stating that he is not certain what level of training is required of the Assistant Harbormaster who was in control of the Harbor Patrol Boat at the time of the incident.

Real Estate Discussion – Possible Property for a New Town Hall: was brought up for discussion by Selectmen Israel who reported that he was contacted by Peter Luce’s son John, who now owns the property at 14 Pine Street, (Assessors’ Map Parcel #24-A-24), left to him by his father. Mr. Israel noted that the property contains 4+ acres, abuts the site of the Superintendent’s Office, has a large two story main house and is for sale for $1.6 million. Mr. Israel pointed out that this is a rare, large piece of land in the center of Town with potential as a site for a new Town Hall or for other Town use, and concluded by stating that he feels that the Board should look into acquiring this parcel. Mr. Snyder concurred.

Portion of Executive Session Minutes from August 21, 2012: as prepared by Clerk of the Board Jonathan Snyder, was approved without discussion, not to be released to the public. M/s/c.

There being no further business,

Motion for Adjournment: 6:05 p.m. M/s/c.

Respectfully submitted,

Tristan R. Israel, Chairman
Aase M. Jones, Asst. to Town Adm.

Not Present
Jeffrey C. Kristal
Jonathan V. Snyder, Clerk