

Members of the Select Board,

In my role as Committee Member of the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee and also Board Member of the Island Housing Trust (IHT), it is imperative that I leave no room for any perceived or actual conflict of interest.

In a recent discussion of the topic that arose when I voluntarily filed a State Ethics Conflict of Interest disclosure to the West Tisbury Select Board, I stated that I had not participated in any votes regarding a project that was awarded to IHT. IHT was the only respondent and I did not participate in the award. During a follow up discussion of my disclosure with The West Tisbury Select Board, I was made aware that I had participated in discussions as well as what was a unanimous vote regarding a senior housing restriction and design aspect of the project. During the same time, I also participated in other discussions where I recused myself from voting and disclosed my affiliation with IHT thinking this was sufficient.

Despite the intention to contribute to a productive housing committee and successful community project, I regret that I was not more mindful of the conflict.

My only interest is in providing greater security and solutions to the housing crisis that our children, friends, neighbors and vital community members face. I am not compensated in any way and have no personal financial interest as a result of either role. Although I genuinely did not think I had acted inappropriately, I was wrong to participate. Both the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee and Island Housing Trust are vital and honorable organizations. I hope this will not reflect on any of the great and life changing work that they each do. It is a privilege and great responsibility to serve.

Last week, I offered my written resignation to the Island Housing Trust Board which they accepted. I hope to continue to serve my home community of West Tisbury.

Thank you,

Jefrey DuBard