

July 10, 2019
West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee
Joint Meeting with Selectmen
Minutes

AHC Present: Larry Schubert, Mike Colaneri, Jeffrey Dubard and Ted Jochsberger

Selectmen Present: Skipper Manter, Kent Healy and Cynthia Mitchell

Also Present: Rhonda Conley, Jen Rand, Town Counsels (Ron Rapaportand Isabelle Lew) and members of the public

Skipper called the meeting to order as did Larry. Skipper stated to the public that the meeting would be going into executive session to discuss an issue. He asked the public to leave the room and discontinue recording.

After discussion of issue the executive session was closed and the public meeting reopened. **Cynthia Mitchell made a motion seconded by Kent Healy to move forward with town counsel investigating the legalities of the executive session case.**

VOTE 3 YES 0 NO

Mike made a motion seconded by Ted to support the town counsel contacting banks about maintaining affordability of executive session case. VOTE 4 YES 0 NO

Housing Group: The discussion of the makeup of a town housing group and their mission addressed in the annual town meeting. Ted presented his list of possible members (see attached). Larry suggested that the group needs a name other than Housing Bank. The members of the group were agreed upon as well as time frame of the group. The members shall come from various boards and committees of the town either from those board members or appointees of the boards. Several members of the public shall be appointed by the Selectmen.

Kent made a motion seconded by Cynthia that the members of the new housing group shall be one member or appointee of each of the following town committees or boards:

- 1. Affordable Housing Committee**
- 2. Board of Selectmen**
- 3. Dukes County Regional Housing Authority**
- 4. Financial Committee**
- 5. Planning Board**
- 6. Two members of the Public**

Time frame of the group shall be appointments by or on July 31, 2019. First meeting to be set on that date and end recommendations given by Feb. 1, 2020.

VOTE 3 YES 0 NO

Mike made a motion seconded by Jeffrey to the above makeup and time frame of the housing group.

VOTE 4 YES 0 NO

What this group is charged to do is stated in the Town Meeting of April 2019 vote written here.

To see if the town will vote to refer the Housing Bank issue to a committee composed of members of the Board of Selectmen and the Affordable Housing Committee, or their designees, to engage in discussions and negotiations with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority and representatives of the other Island towns or develop a Home Rule Petition in support of the formation of a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank and to report back to a special or annual town meeting and seek approval to submit any such petition to the state legislature.

The other issue that will need addressed is the funding and this may come up in the group's meetings. The Selectmen believe this is a separate issue.

AHC adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley