

Approved 1-19-22
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday January 12, 2022 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, and Town Administrator Jen Rand

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Tucker Hubble, Attorney Frederick Grosser, Jon & Stephanie Saunders, Andy Kaye, Joyce Albertine, Bethany Hammond, Dan Scherlis, John Scherlis, Nick Puner, James Klingensmith, Kathy Logue, Chris Lyons, Eunki Seonwoo, Louisa Hufstader, Janice Haynes and other members of the public that did not speak.

Chair Skipper Manter called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Public Hearing: LCI Hospitality LLC (Lambert's Cove Inn) Application for a wine & malt license

Atty Fredrick Grosser spoke for the owners/applicants explaining the request. He said they are not looking for anything different than what had been permitted before. He noted the application included an assignment and pledge to Martha's Vineyard Bank. He acknowledged the letters from the abutters who have concerns and said that the Saunders (owners) are sensitive to them. The Saunders introduced themselves and gave a bit of their history. Kathy Logue pointed out that there are back taxes due on the property and hoped they would make the closing on the property contingent on them being paid. The Saunders said they would make sure that happened. Questions and concerns were raised by the neighbors and the Board and were answered to all's satisfaction. They were welcomed by the neighbors. The Saunders will not be living on the property but plan to hire locals and have an on-site manager. Skipper requested that the manager be introduced to the Board and neighbors.

Skipper closed the Public Hearing. There was no further discussion by the Board.

Cindy moved to grant a seasonal wine and malt license to LCI Hospitality LLC. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

Minutes: Vote to Approve: January 5, 2021

There was one small addition that Skipper asked Jen to add.

Cindy moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2021 as amended. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

New Business:

- **Affordable Housing Refinancing: Brown (2 Holly Lane & 82 Pin Oak Circle) & Merry (124 Pine Hill Rd)**

There was no discussion.

Cindy moved to approve and sign the refinancing documents for the above mentioned properties. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Council on Aging Assistant Director Appointment – Bethany Hammond G6 S2:**

Joyce introduced Bethany who has been working at the COA for years. She says she is pleased and happy to have her on board. Bethany thanked the board and is looking forward to take on the new position. Kathy pointed out that she had been filling the position on a temporary basis since December 6th so her effective date should be retroactive to that date.

Cindy moved to appoint Bethany Hammond as Council on Aging Assistant Director at G6 S2 effective December 6th 2021. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Housing Bank Ballot Question:**

Skipper thinks it is important enough to have a ballot vote rather than just decided at ATM. Since that was what they had previously voted there was no action needed.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Jen just wanted to say that it was a phenomenal day passing out the Covid tests. It went really well and there will be more coming.
- She also said that after many months, they finally had a system in place for the capability to do hybrid meetings in the upstairs conference room. This would allow for in-person meeting with zoom attendance also. She is very excited to have this in place.

Old Business:

- **Building Department Inspection Fees:**

Joe had spoken a few weeks before about raising inspection fees. Kathy came tonight to explain the software fees that they used to charge and how the new system charges. After all is said and done the cost is pretty much the same. Cindy likes the incremental approach for raising fees and is in favor of keeping the extra \$5 charge. Skipper does not agree and feels that the burden is falling on only the building department. After discussion, it was decided to table the discussion until Joe could be present to answer questions. No action taken.

Correspondence:

- There were a number of letters all regarding the Lamberts Cove Inn.

Public Comment:

There was none.

*With no further business to attend to Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Skipper seconded.
Roll Call vote: All in favor. (2-0-0)*

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant