

Approved 1-12-22
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday January 5, 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: Erik Peckar, Jeffrey Dubard, John Abrams, James Klingensmith, Kathy Logue, John Rau, Leah Smith, Doug Ruskin, Chris Lyons, Jane Rossi, Bea Phear, Matt Gebo, Kate Warner, Laura Silber, Bruce Stone, Eunki Seonwoo, Louisa Hufstader, Janice Haynes and many other members of the public that did not speak.

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

Minutes: Vote to Approve: December 29, 2021

There was one small correction that Skipper had pointed out to Jen

Cindy moved to approve the minutes of December 29, 2021 as corrected. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

New Business:

- **Cape Light Compact Representative Appointment – Erik Peckar**

Erik introduced himself and spoke briefly. He is also the Dukes County rep.

Cindy moved to appoint Erik Peckar as the Cape Light Compact Representative until April of 2023. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Jeff Dubard re: PACE program:**

Jeff gave a presentation to explain what PACE is and how it works. PACE is Property Assessed Clean Energy which was adopted by the state to provide loans for property owners to have easier means to bring their properties up to a standard of renewable and clean energy that is generally difficult to finance. The program would have to be managed by the town, with a lien on the property. He is asking the Select Board to support it. Jen and Kathy both gave some explanation of Betterment Programs. Skipper and Cindy asked if the Lien could be on the property owner not the town. Kathy has concerns about the Town taking on the liability. After much discussion Cindy asked Kathy and/or Bruce to look into it for the town. There is no deadline on signing on to the project.

- **Septic Loan Program:**

Kathy Logue worked with the Board of Health to come up with some regulations and they have been approved by the Board of Health. Kathy had a couple of questions for the Select Board. The questions were answered by the Board.

Cindy moved to adopt the Septic Loan Program as presented. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Planning Board Access to Counsel:**

Leah explained that the Planning Board has some questions that they need clarified by counsel about property lines along roadways.

Cindy moved to allow the Planning Board Access to Counsel. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Dukes County Health Council Appointment:**

Skipper said he will take the position for now, until the next election.

Cindy moved to appoint Skipper Manter to the Dukes County Health Council until the spring 2022 elections. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

Old Business:

- **Housing Bank:**

John Abrams explained that they have met with other towns and gotten a lot of feedback. They have made revisions, and so far, Tisbury, Edgartown, Aquinnah and Chilmark have agreed to put the article on their warrants. He and Laura summarized the changes since they had last met with the Select Board and answered questions. John thanked the Board for all their input.

Cindy moved to accept the Housing Bank Article for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

Correspondence:

- MA DOT re: letter from Complete Streets asking for various improvements:
- Many emails in support of the Housing Bank Article .

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 5:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant