

*Approved 10/18/23*  
**Town of West Tisbury**  
**Select Board Meeting jointly with the Up-Island Council on Aging**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 4:30 pm**  
**via Zoom**

**Present:** Select Persons Cynthia Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Jessica Miller and Town Administrator Jen Rand

**Also present or on Zoom for part or all of the meeting:** Garrison Vieira, Beth Kramer, Bernadette Lyons, Peter Cook, Susan Silk, Anna Alley, Andy Zaikis, Susan Collins, Peter Wells, Jenny Gadowski, Leah Smith, Bruce Stone, Kathy Logue, Bethany Hammond, Joyce Albertine, Eunkie Seonwoo, Thomas Humphrey, Janice Haynes and other members of the public that did not speak.

Skipper called the Select Board meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

There were no minutes to be approved.

Skipper asked Cindy to take over as chair for the COA interviews as he was a former board member on the council.

**New Business:**

- **Council on Aging Board Interviews and Possible Appointment:**

Cindy began by convening the COA board by rollcall. After seeing all of the candidates Susan Silk withdrew her application stating that there were plenty of good people applying for the position and she didn't feel she needed to now. She was thanked for her interest. Anna Alley who is a current board member said that she would be willing to step down so that they could choose more than one of the applicants, but she was asked to stay at least through choosing a new member since she is the only remaining West Tisbury member that's not brand new. Cindy then explained how the interviews would work.

**Bernadette Lyons:** she spoke about her love for West Tisbury and the Howes House and COA. She has secretarial experience and talked about her experience on the HH building committee. She currently lives in Oak Bluffs but her heart is in West Tisbury.

**Andy Zaikis:** he is a retired attorney, an EMT, and a member of the ZBA. He has written and worked on re-writing bylaws among other things.

**Beth Kramer:** she said she was interested in being on the council partially because she feels she could share her experience in the building project for the Library. She understands the heavy lifting that will be required. She also has experience writing and bylaws, MOU's and strategic planning.

**Garrison Vieira:** He was a member of the West Tisbury Police Department and also the Climate Advisory Committee. And sees this as a way to stay involved in WT now that he is working elsewhere. He is on the executive board of the Ag Society and has worked on their bylaws and has experience adjusting them to meet changing needs.

Cindy was touched by the interest in the board. There will be one more interview tomorrow and everyone is welcome to attend that session also. It was suggested that they could appoint associate members and decided that once the new board is up and running they can decide if they'd like to. The COA will decide and then make their recommendation to the Select Board who will make the appointment next week 10/18. When asked if current COA members who were unable to be at these interviews could participate in making the decision it was decided that yes they could as they could watch the Zoom recording beforehand.

*Susan Collins moved to adjourn the Up-Island Council on Aging meeting. It was seconded. All in favor.*

Skipper took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

- **Final Review of the Warrant:**

Jen shared the warrant on screen. Skipper asked if there were questions on any of the articles. Jen pointed out where some wording changes had happened since the last draft. The main concern most had was the ADU article (12). It has been seen by counsel and some of the wording questions will be left to him to make correct. The Financial Management Team has met and there are concerns about administration of the ADU loans. Kathy was given permission to speak directly to counsel to get her questions answered about collections and such. Much discussion followed.

It was asked if Article 13 was contingent on Article 12 passing and it was answered, yes. Jen will make sure that is known at STM.

Article 14 was discussed last. It had been added at the last minute and it was felt that the Affordable Housing Committee went about it the wrong way as the MV Landbank does not support it, and it hasn't been well vetted. Peter Wells spoke for the MV Landbank explaining why they didn't support the article. The Select board all agreed that it would be more appropriate at the Annual Town Meeting and should eventually go before the voters, but not at this time.

*Cindy moved to not accept article 14 for the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

**Topics Not Anticipated:** There were none.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**Correspondence:**

- **MV Land Bank re: Proposed Changes to Legislation:** – Peter explained in the previous discussion on Article 14.
- **J. Graham re: FAA Noise Study:** - FYI

**Public Comment:** There was none.

*With no further business Cindy moved to adjourn. Jessica seconded. Roll Call vote: All in favor.*

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:04 pm*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Janice Haynes,  
Administrative Assistant*