

Approved 11-3-21
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday October 13, 2021 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

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

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Casey Dobel, Antoniya & Ivana Sabava, Nicola Blake, Kathy Logue, Matt Gebo, Jeremiah Brown, Tim Boland, Jim Klingensmith, Matt Goldsmith, Eunki Seonwoo, Janice Haynes

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

Minutes: Vote to Approve: October 6th, 2021
There were no questions or correction needed

Cindy made the motion to approve the Minutes of October 6th, 2021. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.

New Business:

- **Taxi Complaint – Lighthouse Taxi:**

There have been 3 complaints to the Edgartown Police which they are investigating. Lighthouse Taxi is licensed in West Tisbury and Skipper read the West Tisbury Taxi Regulations and summarized the 3 complaints dating back to June. Casey Dobel, representing Lighthouse Taxi, responded by saying that they feel the first two incidents were interpersonal between two cab companies. She admitted that the third incident is more serious; the driver failed to produce her taxi license when questioned by the Edgartown police and was uncooperative and would not answer questions. After discussion it was decided to find Lighthouse Taxi in violation of the West Tisbury taxi regulations. As for fines or penalties, since there is no history of violation they will issue a warning this time.

Cindy moved to find Lighthouse Taxi in violation of the West Tisbury taxi regulations. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.

- **Climate Action Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Nicola Blake:**

Jen believes that the Board doesn't need to make this appointment as Nicola is appointed by the Energy Committee, but just to be safe they will.

Cindy moved to appoint Nicola Blake to the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor

- **Discussion about Changing from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day:**

Skipper would like to ask the Personnel Board to look into changing the holiday to Indigenous People's Day. It would involve a change to the Personnel Bylaw which would need to be brought to ATM as a warrant article. They would have to work out the wording as the State does not recognize the day. After discussion there was no action taken as Kent was unsure, but the item will go back on the agenda next week to give Kent time to do more research.

- **Town Tree Committee:**

Cindy and Tim Boland have spoken about a tree management committee. Tim has also been approached by the Historic District. He says that many of the Towns trees are of a similar age. He would like to map the trees and plan for replacement trees as needed. There is some money available, and Polly Hill Arboretum where Tim works would be willing to donate some of the replacement trees. Jeremiah Brown, Tree Warden, thinks it is a great idea and will work with Tim to talk about other people for the committee and come up with a plan.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Skipper gave warning that he would have a topic for next week regarding the money for the school roof. He says they will need to schedule a Special Fall Town meeting. He also reminded everyone about the joint meeting tomorrow.

Old Business:

- **New Position for Energy/Climate Committee:**

Jen is looking for input from the Board so that it can then go to the Personnel Board to be ready for Spring Annual Town Meeting.

- **Howes House Bid Results:**

They received one bid from Keenan & Kenny Architects, LTD. She says it is reasonable and responsive and recommends that it should be awarded. It's a good company, that also did the study for Town Hall and is currently working with Chilmark so are on island regularly.

Cindy moved to award the contract for the Howes House Feasibility Study to Keenan & Kenny Architects, LTD. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (5-0-0)

Correspondence:

- **W. Whiting Shellfish Committee Resignation:**

The Board appreciates and thanks Will for his long service.

Kent moved to accept the letter of resignation from Will Whiting. Cindy seconded. Roll Call vote: All in favor

Public Comment: There was none.

With no further business Cindy made the motion to adjourn. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:13 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant