

Approved 11/1/23
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 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: Susan Wasserman, Kate Warner, Greg Pachico, Beth Kramer, Bernadette Lyons, Jenny Gadowski, Sue Hruby, Garrison Vieira, Samuel Houghton, 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.

Minutes: Vote to Approve: October 4, 11 & 12 2023

There were no edits or corrections offered on any of the 3 sets.

Jessica moved to approve the Minutes of October 4, 11 and 12th, 2023. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: 2 in favor, Jessica abstained. (2-0-1)

New Business:

- **Council on Aging Board Appointee:**

Cindy again took over as chair for this agenda item only. She explained that Beth Kramer was recommended by the Council on Aging Board to be the appointee. Beth said thank you and she is looking forward to working with the board. They felt that all of the candidates were great but Beth had the best and most recent experience.

Skipper moved to appoint Beth Kramer to the Up-Island Council on Aging until 2025. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Fireman's Association – Boat Donation:**

Greg explained that the association had voted to purchase this boat for the department from donated moneys. It will cost about \$ 49,000. Jen will send a thank you letter.

Jessica moved to accept the donation of a boat from the WT Fireman's Association. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Energy Committee EV Charger Policy:**

Kate spoke to explain what the Energy committee was proposing. Now that electric cars are becoming more popular, they think a policy should be in place for charging for use, and they also recommend installing a new level 3 charger at the Public Safety Building. She shared the policy they had created. Jessica and Cindy both feel that charging for use in the future is a good idea. Skipper disagrees. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of charging and also the location for the new level 3 charger. The Energy Committee was asked to come up with a list of directives for what they will need to do. Cindy asked them to change the wording to 'existing' not 'legacy'.

Cindy moved to accept the West Tisbury town-owned Electric Vehicle charging stations as amended. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Jen asked about scheduling the tax rate hearing, after Special Town Meeting. Either Wednesday November 15th, Thursday the 16th, or Tuesday the 21st. They decided to consult the Assessor.
- Cindy mentioned that the Affordable Housing Trust meeting did not happen last week and that she thought Skipper was the one responsible for calling for it. He apologized and said that in the past he had not had to be involved in posting so he hadn't checked. He noted it was his responsibility and would assure it was posted in the future.

Old Business:

- **Cemetery Fence:**

Jen recapped the situation; the fence needs repair or replacing and the Historic District wants only wood. Two people have now written letters suggesting that the fence simply be taken down and the granite posts left to mark the boundary of the cemetery. They could leave the fence at the back of the cemetery where it bounds neighbors and just remove the section along the roadside that is also in the worse shape. Jen informally asked the HDC and thinks they will say no. Jessica wondered what other Historic districts might say and if there may be precedent? Susan suggested checking with the museum for old photos to see if there was always a fence. If the HDC says no they will ask about replacing just parts of the fence. After discussion it was decided to formally apply again. No action taken.

- **Stoney Hill Farm Lots:**

Jen says that the Stoney Hill Road Association has responded and they have some concerns. They have asked the town to make an offer. Jen has reached out to an appraiser but has not yet heard back. She thinks it should be no more than \$ 2,000. and the Affordable Housing Trust should have the money to pay for the appraisal and will ask to put it on their agenda for next week. No action taken.

Correspondence:

- **P. Burt re: Cemetery Fence**
- **T. Hubbell re: Cemetery Fence**

The letters were mentioned in the cemetery discussion.

Public Comment: There was none.

*With no further business to discuss Jessica moved to adjourn. Cindy seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Janice Haynes,
Administrative Assistant*