

Approved 12/1/21
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday November 17, 2021 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: Dilly DeBlase, Tara Whiting-Wells, James Klingensmith, Cathy Minkiewicz, Doug Ruskin, Prudy Burt, Glen DeBlase, Kate Warner, Kathy Logue Matt Gebo, 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.

Minutes: Vote to Approve: October 14th, November 3rd & Nov. 8th, 2021

Skipper asked that the proposed Tri Town Ambulance formula be added to the wording in that section of the Oct. 14th minutes. There were no edits or corrections to be made to the other two sets.

Cindy moved to approve the minutes of October 14th (as corrected), November 3rd & Nov. 8th, 2021. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

New Business:

- **Misty Meadows Request to Place Sign on Old County Road Layout:**

They would like to put the same sign in the same place as last year. Dilly DeBlase spoke to explain how they want to bring more interest to the barn as it's off of main roads. The sign will be in place for 14 days, December 13th thru December 27th.

Cindy moved to approve the placement of the Misty Meadows sign on Old County Road from December 13th thru December 27th 2021. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Request for Access to Facilities Funds for WT School Projects:**

Doug Ruskin spoke to explain the request. Research has been done to make sure this was an appropriate use of the funds. Jen says it is and that they have enough money in the fund. There is some grant money that may come in, but they don't know yet. Doug would like to get the money as a loan, to be paid back from the grant money. There was lengthy discussion of the details and how it would work with the allocation formula with the other towns.

Cindy made the motion to authorize the use of Facilities Funds up to \$50 thousand dollars under the present allocation formula for use of a West Tisbury School project. Details to be worked out by the Town Accountant. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Holiday party:**

The party was not held last year due to Covid restrictions and Skipper requested they discuss the feasibility of having the party this year. After discussion it was determined that it was too small a space with folks removing their masks to eat.

Cindy sadly moved to not hold the West Tisbury Holiday Party for 2021. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

Topics Not Anticipated:

There were none

Old Business:

- **Board Vacancy Election Discussion**

Tara says the earliest they could hold an election would be January 20th, 2022. Skipper would like to have a full board and thinks it would better serve the Town. Cindy has a different view. She thinks with the holidays coming, it doesn't give people enough time to decide. She feels that the two of them can make it work and it would honor Kent's service to the Town to not rush it. She would like to see it happen more naturally. Prudy Burt had written a letter which both Select Persons appreciated. Other town citizens had contacted Jen to express their opinion that they don't rush the election. It was decided to wait until the regular spring election, but it was pointed out that if a citizen's petition came in they would be forced to hold an earlier election. Cindy also asked both the reporters to please write about why they made this decision.

- **Howes House Committee meeting 11/22/21 at 4:30:**

Skipper was unable to make that date so Jen will reschedule.

Correspondence:

- **Kate Hoffman Re: Resignation as Asst. ACO:**

She has taken a full-time job in Vineyard Haven as their ACO and so has left the position in West Tisbury. The Board wished her well.

Cindy moved to accept the letter of resignation from Kate Hoffman. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

Public Comment:

Cindy just wanted to say what a nice Town Meeting they had had the night before. She felt that there had been good discussion and she was proud of the West Tisbury voters. Skipper also thought that it was a very positive meeting.

*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 5:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant