

Approved 12/6/23
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 29, 2023 4:30 pm
At the Town Hall and 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: Christine Todd, Martina Thornton, Kim Angell, Eunki Seonwoo, Thomas Humphrey, Janice Haynes and other members of the public who did not speak.

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

Minutes: November 21, 2023.

Jessica asked to correct some wording about the difficulty of implementing the Residential Exemption.

Jessica moved to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2023 as amended. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Before they got into new business, Skipper thanked everyone for their concern and good wishes during his recent medical issues.

New Business:

- **County Re: Change in Treasurer Position:**

Christine spoke to explain the change they are proposing and the back ground for why. She said that most town treasurers are appointed and they would like to have the change on the ballots next fall, for all 7 towns in the county. They are asking for verbal support now and a letter of support later as they get closer to bringing it to the legislature. After discussion, the board was happy to give their support. No action taken.

Old Business:

- **Multi-Board Employee Job Description:**

Jan had asked around to other small towns and got some sample job descriptions. She and Maria had written up something based on those specific to West Tisbury. It needs to be approved by the board so that it can go to the Personnel Board to grade, and their next meeting is in 2 weeks. They decided to take a week to look at it more closely and will discuss and vote at next weeks meeting. No action taken.

- **Review Advertisement for Town Accountant:**

Jessica pointed out a couple of small corrections and Skipper had a couple of questions. Bruce had already re-written parts of the ad to update. There was further discussion, but everyone approved of the ad. No action taken.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Jen said that she is intending to go to the MMA meeting if no one else is interested and she is looking forward to networking. Jessica may be interested and will look at the workshops being offered and will get back to Jen.

Correspondence:

- **R. Joyce Re: Request to Fly Flag on Town Flagpole:**

Jen is recommending the question go to counsel to answer and the board concurred.

Cindy moved to forward the letter from R. Joyce Re: Request to Fly Flag on Town Flagpole to town counsel to give an answer. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Resignation Letter: Angela Luckey from the CPC and Tree Advisory Council:**

Skipper read the letter in to the record and she was thanked for her service.

Cindy moved to accept the letter of resignation from Angela Luckey. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Public Comment: There was none.

Executive Session: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease of value of real estate if the Chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Jen explained that they have received an appraisal for the Stoney Hill lots. Jen is requesting that they go into Executive Session to discuss the appraisal and decide what they would like to do as she feels it would be discourteous to have it in the papers before she has a chance to speak with the road association people. Skipper disagreed, he believes that everything should be discussed publicly.

Jessica moved go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations for the Stoney Hill lots and further to not go back to public session after. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Public Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm when the board went into Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant