

Approved 5/31/23
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

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

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Jennie Gadowski, Bernadette Lyons, Cristina Saltmarsh, Luke Lefeber, Nicola Blake, Jeffrey Dubard, Tori Costa, Kimberly Angell, 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 -May 17, 2023

Skipper offered one small edit.

Cindy moved to approve the minutes of May 17th, 2023 as amended. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

New Business:

- **Vote to sign Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with MA DOT Re: Bike Safety Sign:**

Jen says these are not mandatory but up to us if we want to post them. After discussion it was decided to put them at all of the entries into town. There were 2 sizes available and they decided to go with the smaller. They will let Jen and Richie determine all the locations.

Jessica moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the MOA with MA DOT. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Disclose of Financial Interest – Jeffrey Dubard:**

Jefrey explained that he is on the board at Island Housing Trust and according to the Ethics Commission can be designated a Special Municipal Employee. He says he is always careful to recuse himself from deliberation or votes in Affordable Housing Committee when necessary. After discussion Cindy suggested they take it under advisement and get input from Town Counsel for more clarity. They want to be sure they do this right. No action taken.

- **Request to Fly the Pride Flag in June:**

No one objected; it has been flown before. Skipper mentioned that at some point they should consider creating a flag policy.

Cindy moved to allow the Progressive Pride flag to fly on the town flagpole for the month of June. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Cape Light Vote to Support Partnership with Vineyard Power:**

Luke spoke to explain Cape Light Compact's partnership with Vineyard Power to offer a discount on the electric supply rate for West Tisbury low-income electric customers. Jessica asked how people would qualify and he explained that too.

In connection with the town's seat on Vineyard Power's Resiliency and Affordability Advisory Committee, Cindy moved to approve participation in the Initiative, in connection with the Resiliency and Affordability Program Implementation Agreement between Vineyard Wind and Vineyard Power, to deliver electricity bill savings in the form of a discounted power supply rate to all low-income customers taking service from the town's municipal aggregation power supply program on the R-2 and R-4 rates, for so long as the Initiative is offered by Vineyard Power and to take any other action relative thereto. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Event Permit & One Day Beer & Wine: Polly Hill 25th Anniversary 8/5/23 3-7:**

Cristina spoke to explain the event at Polly Hill Arboretum. Skipper again voiced his concern that it was not permitted by zoning.

Jessica moved to approve the Event Permit & One Day Beer & Wine license for the Polly Hill 25th Anniversary on 8/5/23. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: Jessica and Cindy in favor; Skipper abstained. (2-0-1)

- **One Day Beer & Wine:**

- **Blooming Bids for Kids 6/16/23 5-7 @ The Field Gallery**
- **Ms. Foundation 8/15/23 5:30-7:30 @ Grange:**

No discussion but Skipper again stated his objections.

Cindy moved to approve One Day Beer & Wine licenses for the Blooming Bids for Kids event 6/16/23 5-7 at the Field Gallery and the MS Foundation event 8/15/23 5:30-7:30 @ Grange. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: Jessica and Cindy in favor; Skipper abstained. (2-0-1)

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Jen mentioned that it had been announced today that Harvard Pilgrim had been hacked and there was a security breach. Many employees may be affected.

Old Business: There was none.

Correspondence:

- **Edgartown 4th of July Parade invitation:**

The board said they are excited to participate and Jen will order candy.

- **H. Bernstein re: Light Pollution:**

Skipper did not feel the issue was under their jurisdiction and Jen said that other boards had also been copied on the letter.

Public Comment:

Skipper reminded folks about Special Town Meeting on June 13th at 7 pm and they spoke about outreach again.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant*