

Approved 6/21/23
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

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

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Jim Malkin, Bill Rossi, Tim Carroll, Bethany Hammond, Marie Larsen, Bernadette Lyons, 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 31 and June 7th, 2023

There were no edits or corrections on either set.

Jessica moved to approve the Minutes of May 31, 2023. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Jessica moved to approve the Minutes of June 7, 2023. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: Cindy and Skipper in favor; Jessica abstained as she was absent for that meeting.

New Business:

- **Howes House Funding Formula Meeting with Chilmark Select Board:**

The Chilmark Select Board was present consisting of Bill, Jim and Marie. Skipper explained that West Tisbury had come up with a formula that they thought was reasonable and had invited Chilmark to discuss. While the Chilmark board had no personal problems with the formula (WT 60%, Chilmark 30%, and Aquinnah 10%) They all felt that it would be a hard sell to the voters as they have many capital projects in the works in Chilmark. There were questions about the usage of the Council on Aging by Chilmark residents and Bethany will get those numbers within a few weeks. Chilmark requested more details to present to their voters. Jen reminded them that they have not appointed a member to the HH Building Committee and that they should definitely have someone there. Marie volunteered to be on the committee. Everyone thought it was a good start and they will meet again in a few weeks after Bethany gets the info together. No action taken.

- **IGI Mobile Market at the Howes House:**

Jessica excused herself from the discussion as an employee of IGI. Bethany explained that the plan was to be the same as in the past with the truck parked in the HH parking lot. The only change would be an extension of the hours as it was so popular last year. They want to

run from 3-5 PM. Skipper asked if the Library knew about the extra time and Bethany will get in touch with Alexandra. It will begin July 11th.

Cindy moved to allow the IGI Mobile Market at the Howes House. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor (2-0-0).

- **Board/Committee Application:**

Jen shared the draft application on screen. She said that in her research she found that the towns that did have them did not 'live by' them as it's so difficult to get volunteers. She asked about a few specific lines to be edited and it was decided to add a space to list any conflicts of interest that they or a family member may have. They will also change the due date for the application to April 30th. They also discussed the annual re-appointments but, in the end, decided not to change anything. Jen also said she's been looking into board/committee training and/or handbooks. Skipper asked about CORI checks but was told they are not required. They will discuss at another time. No action taken.

- **Covid Vaccine Mandate – Discussion About Whether to Maintain Mandate:**

Jen asked that since the vaccine requirements have been dropped by the state should the town continue to require them for employment? She mentioned that there is one department that is trying to hire someone and the requirement may affect that hiring. Jen asked online of the list serve that she is part of and got little response from other towns that had mandates. Jessica wondered what the employees may feel about it as they are the ones dealing with the public. Janice shared that as an employee she did not have a problem with dropping the mandate. It was decided that Jen will poll the town employees and they will come back to the subject next week. No action taken.

- **Town Meeting Update:**

There was nothing really to update about but Skipper thanked chief Pachico and the EMS director for helping to get the word out and the Sheriff's Department for allowing them to page it out.

Topics Not Anticipated: There were none.

Old Business: There was none.

Correspondence:

- **C. Minkiewicz: Resignation from Howes House Bldg Comm.**

Jen has already put the vacancy on the website but actually already happens to have one letter of interest.

Cindy moved to accept the letter of resignation from Cathy Minkiewicz. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Public Comment: There was none but Jen reminded everyone that Town hall was closed Monday for the Juneteenth Holiday.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant*