

*Approved 6/9/21*  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**June 2, 2021 5:00 pm**  
**\*Virtual meeting\***

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy and Town Administrator Jen Rand

**Also present for part or all of the meeting:** Alexandra Pratt, Jim Klingensmith, Jennelle Gadowski, Arthur Hardy-Doubleday, Dan Waters, Jennifer Russell, Greg Pachico, Louisa Hufstader, Rich Saltzberg and other members of the public that did not speak.

Skipper called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Minutes to approve:** There were none ready for approval

**New Business:**

- **Request to Raise the Progressive Pride Flag:**

Arthur Hardy-Doubleday spoke first on behalf of the MV Chapter of the NAACP requesting the Town allow them to raise the Progressive Pride flag and says he thinks it's important that the community show outwardly it's acceptance. They are approaching all six towns, but noted that West Tisbury was the first to respond. He also acknowledged West Tisbury's Diversity Statement. Jennelle who heads the LGBTQ sub-committee under the NAACP on island showed the Board a picture of the new flag and explained the changes to it and what it represents to the community. They would like the flag to fly for the month of June which is Pride month, but would hope it could fly longer. Kent encouraged their efforts, but he believes that only the Town, State or National flags should be raised on the Town flag pole. Jen said that after Google searching it would appear that provided the American flag was flown on top and the other flags below and not larger than the American flag there were no restrictions. Cindy said that as long as was legally allowed, and maybe even if it was not, she thinks flying the flag is an important thing to do and disagrees with Kent. Skipper's only issue was that if other groups in the future ask to fly their flags it would be challenging to say no with no policy or parameters in place. Jen also thinks it should be done especially in light of their support of the Diversity Statement. Dan Waters spoke in support also.

*Cindy made a motion to allow the Progressive Pride flag to be flown on the Town Hall flag pole under the American flag and also on the side of the Library building for the month of June. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: Cindy and Skipper in favor, Kent opposed (2-1-0).*

- **Large House Bylaw Presentation:**

This item is being postponed at their request to a later date.

**Topics Not Anticipated:** There were none.

**Old Business:**

- **Howes House Feasibility Study:**

Skipper reported on the site visit and also mentioned that Kathy Logue has expressed interest in being on the committee. Skipper thanked Kathy and said they will appoint her next week. Next week they will also approve the RFP for the study.

- **Fire Chief Contract Discussion:**

Skipper and Jen had worked together to draft a contract. Council has made some adjustments to some wording and everyone has now seen it. Skipper suggested they review it today but then the Board and Mr. Pachico to take it under advisement to be finalized and signed next week. They went thru it a paragraph at a time and touched on the highlights. It was mostly agreeable to all and Mr. Pachico wanted only to negotiate the longevity clause. Discussion followed and an agreement was reached.

**Correspondence:** There was none.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

Skipper reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at the regular time (4:30 pm) and thanked Kent and Cindy for their willingness to do the negotiations publicly.

*With no further business Kent made the motion to adjourn. Cindy seconded. Roll Call: all in favor.*

Adjourned 5:40 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant*