

Approved 6/28/23
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 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: DA Rob Galibois, Ron Rappaport, Matt Mincone, Bernadette Lyons, Mia Vittimberga, 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

New Business:

- **District Attorney Galibois Update:**

DA Galibois introduced himself and spoke about his assistant Jess and a bit about what she does. He also spoke about what he's been doing since being elected last fall. He mentioned a new employee of the DA's office who will working from the Vineyard. He would like to come back in 6 months to give another update. He was thanked for attending.

Minutes: Vote to approve - June 14th, 2023

There were no edits or corrections offered.

Cindy moved to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2023. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Old Business:

- **Board/Committee Application:**

Jen has made some tweaks based on last week's discussion and everyone was good with it. Jen will put the form up on the website and email it to all the board admins.

Jessica moved to approve the Board/Committee Application as edited. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Covid Vaccine Mandate:**

Skipper reminded everyone that in 2021 the Select Board had voted jointly with other elected boards to mandate the vaccine for employees that report to them and also for anyone that works in town hall. The individual boards would need to take their own votes to rescind. Jen heard from about 20 people when she reached out to employees for their opinions, and the response was about 2-1 to rescind. There was no public comment at the meeting.

Cindy moved to rescind the Covid vaccine mandate for employees that report to the Select Board and also for anyone that works in town hall, effective immediately. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **J. Dubard – Disclosure of Financial Interest:**

Jeffrey did not attend the meeting. He is an employee of Island Housing Trust and is the appointed chair to the Affordable Housing Committee and on the CPC. He wants to file a ‘blanket’ disclosure. Ron spoke explaining that the form Jeffrey had submitted was used for a particular matter and he felt that the board should not sign off on it as a general approval. Designation as a special municipal employee would not solve the conflict either. His advice is for Jeffrey to submit a disclosure each time a matter comes up with potential conflict. He advised that the ethics office is open every work day and he can always call them for consultation. The board decided the matter needed further discussion and will invite Jeffrey to come to next week’s meeting again.

Jessica moved to deny Jeffrey’s disclosure request based on counsel’s advice. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Follow up to Chilmark Meeting:**

Cindy had requested the item be put on the agenda but was not ready to present her thoughts yet. Jen said that Aquinnah will be meeting later that night and would hopefully discuss the matter so they will know more next week.

Correspondence:

- M. Colaneri re: Vaccines – no discussion
- C. Kernick re: Mill Pond – no discussion
- D. Ruskin re: Vaccines – no discussion

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Cindy asked about the opioid settlement. Jen has reached out to other town admins who may be willing to discuss pooling the money but didn’t have much info. She will follow up and find out what the total pooled amount might be.
- Jen asked about the meeting schedule in July; She will be on vacation the week of the 12th and the 5th is the day after the holiday. When do they want to meet? It was decided to meet on the 5th and decide about the 12th then.

Public Comment: There was none

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant*