

Approve 7/19/23
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 5, 2023 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

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

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Joe Tierney, Kim Angell, Nevette Previd, Bea Phear, 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

Minutes: Vote to approve - June 28th, 2023

There were no edits or corrections offered.

Cindy moved to approve the Minutes of Jun 28, 2023. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

New Business:

- **N. Previd RE: Grange Hall Expansion/Town Opportunities:**

Nevette from the Preservation Trust spoke to explain their ideas and the things they'd like to do. They need to replace the roof and do insulation, and they need to do something with the foundation too. They have not yet decided whether they will do a full basement or partial and wanted to propose to the town that there could be rental office space in the basement if the town was interested. Skipper wondered if renting that space for offices would be allowed; Joe did not know off the top of his head and will need to check the bylaws. The board thanked Nevette for thinking of them, and said they would take it under advisement and discuss further. No action taken.

- **Building Inspector – Zoning Violation 43 Old County Rd:**

Joe explained that he has met with counsel and was advised to take the matter to Superior Court. He has sent multiple letters and issued a fine, but it has been going on for 2 years and the owners have made no effort to comply. Skipper thought they should issue more fines, but the others were ok with Joe's request.

Cindy moved to allow the Building Inspector to take the case to Superior Court as advised by Counsel. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: Cindy and Jessica in favor, Skipper – nay. (2-1-0)

- **Housing Bank Testimony for Legislative Hearing:**

Kim Angell spoke to explain the request for testimony in support of the Housing Bank legislation. The due date will come up quickly so they'd like the document ready to be sent when it is requested. They have sent a template to the board so that they can draft something now and then submit when due.

Cindy moved to write the Housing Bank testimony for the Legislative Hearing as requested. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Topics Not Anticipated:

Jen said that the Affordable Housing Committee had hired a new administrator and she has already begun working but needs to be officially appointed by the Select Board.

Cindy moved to appoint Wanda Higgins as the Affordable Housing Committee Administrative Assistant at Grade 6, Step 1. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Old Business:

- **MGL re: Select Board as Appointees to Boards:**

Jen heard back from Counsel and they say we do not have a problem with our Select Board appointments to other boards. No action needed to be taken.

Correspondence:

- S. Wasserman re: Howes House
- C. Hodgkinson re Howes House

Both letters came in late and the board did not have time to prepare for discussion. They will put them on next week's agenda under correspondence.

Public Comment:

- Bea Phear who had arrived late to the meeting said she had come in support of Chuck Hodgkinsons letter regarding the Howes House. She will come back next week.
- Thomas from the Gazette asked for an explanation of the Zoning violation discussed earlier and Skipper gave a brief explanation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant