

*Approved 8/9/23*  
**Town of West Tisbury**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 2, 2023 4:30 pm**  
**At the WT Town Hall and via Zoom**

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

**Also present or on Zoom for part or all of the meeting:** Susan Silk, Dan Waters, Beth Kramer, Susan Wasserman, Richard Knabel, Chris Lyons, Jeffrey Dubard, Bernadette Lyons, Rob Hauck, Thomas Humphrey, Kim Angell, Christine Saltmarsh, Kate Warner, Ron Rappaport, Janice Haynes and other members of the public that did not speak.

After technical difficulties Skipper called the Select Board meeting to order at 4:43 pm

**Minutes: Vote to approve – July 26, 2023:**

There were no edits or corrections.

*Cindy moved to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2023. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.*

**New Business:**

- **K. Warner re: Free EV Charging Stations – Change to Paid?:**

Kate thanked the board for putting the chargers in originally and now thinks that the town should be charging for use. She has noticed that the chargers at town hall are full most of the time this time of year and believes the users can afford to pay. She has seen prices off island that range from .87 cents per kwh to .63 cents per kwh, and we charge .25 cents at the Library. She explained the choices going forward; The current chargers cannot be upgraded so would have to be replaced and would cost \$15-20 thousand. There may be EVIP funds available for this and she will look into it. We could also just lock them to the public and have a code for the town cars only to use, but Skipper doesn't want to cut off the public. After discussion it was decided not to shut them off to the public for now and do further research on replacing these with paid charging stations. No action taken

- **MV Ag. Fair Entertainment License 8/17-8/19 10am-11pm 8/20 10 am – 7pm:**

This is a yearly request for the fair.

*Cindy moved to approve the MV Ag. Fair Entertainment License for 8/17-8/19 10am-11pm and 8/20 10 am – 7pm. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.*

- **No Meeting on 8/16 – FYI**

Jen and Janice will both be away. No discussion.

### **Old Business:**

- **Polly Hill Event Permit Request for Food – Yommi Pops:**

Jen had mentioned this last week and they have already approved the event and the food truck.

*Jessica moved to approve the sale of Yommi Pops at the Polly Hill Event 8/5/23. Cindy seconded. J. Miller and C. Mitchell in favor, S. Manter abstained due to zoning concerns.*

- **Jeffrey Dubard – Conflict of Interest – Discussion of Possible Removal from Affordable Housing and CPC Committees:**

He sent a letter saying that he has resigned from the board of Island Housing Trust. Skipper recapped the situation with the conflict of interest. Jeffrey re-stated that he did not realize that he had mis-spoken and it was not intentional. Ron spoke saying that the Board had the authority with a vote to remove someone they had appointed from that position. Jessica said she was glad to see that he had resigned from IHT and likes his commitment to the WT Affordable Housing Committee over IHT. She added that she thought perhaps he shouldn't be chair of the committee as he had shown some lack of understanding about his conflicts. Cindy is concerned about his dishonesty and feels there is now a lack of trust. She wants to ask him to resign from the AHC and the CPC. Jeffrey pointed out that there's a difference between knowingly trying to deceive and mis-speaking and believes that as he voluntarily brought the issue before the board they shouldn't hold it against him. Jessica is concerned about removing a long-time member of the committee as they are still in a bit of disarray and he does have a lot of knowledge in what they are doing right now. They spoke about suspending him for a period or the ability to re-appoint him at some point in the future. Skipper asked if someone would make a motion to suspend Jeffrey from the committee for a period of time and no one stepped forward to do so.

*Cindy moved to remove Jeffrey Dubard from the Affordable Housing Committee. It was seconded. Roll call vote: Cindy in favor, Skipper and Jessica – voted no. Motion failed.*

Jeffrey was told to continue to serve. He apologized again and thanked the board.

- **Disposition of the Howes House Building Committee:**

This was a continuation of the discussion last week. They all agreed that they wanted to stop action and that they need to figure out how to move forward. They will look at the history of other town building renovations such as the town hall, Library and Public Safety Building. Cindy does not want to banish the current building committee. Both Dan and Beth spoke about the process with the Library renovations and suggested that model should be used in

this project. They said it had taken two years of work and public input solicited by the Library Board before they got to the point of a building committee. Sue spoke again about the HH as a community center and thinks that Council on Aging services could be done elsewhere. After more discussion it was decided to table it again until September. Cindy would like more public input. No action taken.

- **MV Commission – Town Representation at Housing Meetings/Request for Assistance with Workforce Housing:**

It was decided that Jessica as she has expressed interest, and someone from the Affordable Housing Committee at least, should be town reps. Jen will contact them.

*Cindy moved to send the letter that Jen had shared last week. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.*

**Correspondence:**

- **G. Tufo Re: Littering Signs on Edg/Wt Rd:**

He wants to ask the state to put up No Littering signs on the Edgartown road. Jen says she has spoken with the Refuse District director, Don Hatch because much of the problem is with uncovered loads coming to the facility. He cannot request the signs, it must come from the town. Skipper is against more signage, but it was pointed out that if they post signs they can then enforce and charge fines. The Refuse District has tried to enforce more from their end since Jen spoke with them and Mr. Tufo has said there does seem to be less litter. It was decided that Jen will ask the Refuse District to continue to enforce and also ask Chief Mincone to continue to have his officers patrol the area. She will also reach out to the Edgartown Police.

- **M. Colaneri re: MV Land Bank Goats:**

In support of Kate Hoffman ACO.

- **J. Dubard IHT resignation:**

Referenced in earlier discussion.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

*Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Janice Haynes,  
Administrative Assistant*