

*Approved 9/20/23*  
**Town of West Tisbury**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:30 pm**  
**At the WT Town Hall and via Zoom**

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

**Also present or on Zoom for part or all of the meeting:** Greg Pachico, Marissa Jackson, Ronit Goldstein, Doug Ruskin, Bernadette Lyons, Jenny Gadowski, Dan Waters, Beth Kramer, Jeffrey Dubard, Eunkie Seonwoo, 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 – September 6, 2023:**

There were no corrections or changes.

*Cindy moved to approve the Minutes of September 6, 2023. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.*

**New Business:**

- **Eversource Easement – Stoney Hill Rd Town Owned Land:**

Marissa spoke to explain the proposal to improve the existing line and take over maintenance for it. They need permission from the town to continue the line along the road. Doug Ruskin was there as the rep for the Stoney Hill Road Association and said that about 2 dozen abutters have signed easements already. Jessica asked if counsel should be involved and Jen will look at the contract and forward it on if she thinks it needs to be, but it looks fairly standard.

*Cindy moved to approve the easement to Eversource on Stoney Hill Rd. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor*

**Skipper then skipped to Old Business**

- **Dept. Of Conservation re: Tree Cutting Plan:**

Greg said he had spoken with DCR and was comfortable with their explanation. They would be doing a controlled burn of the ‘slash’ (branches) and the logs would be left in a cleared space. The board was fine as long as the chief was comfortable with it. No action taken.

**Back to New Business:**

- **Special Town Meeting?**

Jen says they are working on having the ADU article ready for a special fall meeting and that there would also be at least one money article to replenish the Reserve Fund. The Assessors also need to have a tax rate hearing, which needs to happen after the Special Town Meeting. Discussion followed as to how long would be needed for the ADU to be ready. It was decided to shoot for December 5<sup>th</sup>, but Jen will touch base with both the assessor and the Accountant and see if that works for them. She will also put the word out to other departments that there will be a meeting if they have articles to submit. No action taken and they will follow up and confirm a date next week.

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

**Old Business:**

- **Council on Aging Bylaws – Further Discussion of Issues:**

Skipper again passed the chairmanship off to Cindy for this discussion since he is chair of the Council on Aging board. Jen says that Aquinnah has 2 members that are not expired and they will likely appoint a Select Board member as the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chilmark also has 2 members in good standing, possibly 3 but can also appoint a Select Board member as a 3<sup>rd</sup>. West Tisbury has 1 member that is not expired and 2 that are over term. All that means that there are enough members in good standing that they could meet and do business. They still need to decide if they are going to rescind the appointments of the 2 over-term members. Jessica nominated Cindy to be the Select Board rep for West Tisbury and Cindy accepted. It was pointed out that they should be sure to notify the over-term folks that they cannot serve. Skipper obviously knows and Jen or Skipper will reach out to the other in West Tisbury and also confirm with the one member in good standing that they want to continue. There will be further discussion next week to decide about rescinding. No actions taken.

**Correspondence:**

- MV Land Bank Notice of Intent – FYI for the Lambert’s Cove property next to the beach.
- WT Historic District re: Cemetery Fence Hearing 9/25 5:30 Howes House
- MV Public Schools re: Chilmark School Window Project – Unused Funds Returned as the project was completed under budget.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

*Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Janice Haynes,  
Administrative Assistant*