

*Approved 9/28/22*  
**Town of West Tisbury**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday September 21, 2022 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:** Bernadette Lyons, Guy Tufo, Ronit Goldstein, Matt Viens, John Ventura, Marissa Jackson, Richie Olson, Cathy Minkiewicz, T. Humphrey, Rich Saltzberg and other members of the public that did not speak.

Cindy called the Select Board meeting to order at 4:30 pm

**Minutes:**

*Skipper moved to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2022. Jessica seconded. Roll Call vote: All in favor.*

**Old Business:**

- **Eversource re: Panhandle Road Project:**

They have come to an agreement about resurfacing the road and Richie is in full agreement with the proposal. Work will begin this fall and the additional resurfacing will happen in the spring. They will share the cost of the resurfacing and our portion should be covered by Chapter 90 money. Jen shared the bullet point list from Eversource. Skipper requested they add the words ‘curb to curb’ or the full width of the presently paved road. He also asked that Mr. Olson have full authority to stop the project if he sees a problem. Mr. Ventura said that is implied in all work they do.

*Skipper moved to the Eversource proposal for the panhandle Rd project as agreed upon by Highway Superintendent, Richie Olson, to be ‘curb to curb’. Jessica seconded. Roll Call vote: All in favor.*

**New Business:**

- **Guy Tufo Re: roadside litter:**

Jen has been in touch with Mr. Tufo regarding his concerns regarding the litter on the Edgartown Road. He is asking the town to address the problem. Jen says it is not appropriate for the town to spend their funds on State roads. She has spoken with MA DOT and they agreed it is their problem to solve. She believes the root of the problem is the transfer station in Edgartown and is suggesting they try to work with Edgartown and the police department

to do public outreach about covered truck loads. Richie said he does not have the man power to deal with it and is also concerned about insurance and safety on a state road. It was suggested they ask the state to send someone over periodically to work on the roadsides. It was also suggested that the police monitor and hand out actual fines. After discussion the board generally agrees with the ideas given and authorized Jen to speak with the Edgartown Administrator and the refuse district about enforcement. No action taken.

• **Appointment of Keeper of the Dam:**

The late Kent Healy served for decades and it is time to replace him. Jen thinks Skipper should do it as it should have eyes laid on it regularly to look for problems and someone should be available to call if problems are found. She said there is also a dam report due in October to the state. Skipper was reluctant to volunteer. Jessica suggested some candidates; Johnny Hoy, David Bouck, Reid Silva and David Merry. Cindy said they should involve someone from the Mill Brook Watershed Committee and suggested they get in touch with Prudy Burt. Jen will contact her and they will work on it. No action taken.

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

**Correspondence:**

- J. Abrams (South Mountain Co) re: 401 State Rd Project
- P. Jordi (IHT) re: 401 State Rd Project  
South Mountain is pulling out of the project and they will discuss at next week's meeting.
- Letter of resignation from Samantha Gitschier, Assistant ACO.  
Jen said she has been great but is overwhelmed. Kate will be advertising soon.

*Skipper moved to accept the resignation of Samantha Gitschier, Assistant ACO, with thanks. Jessica seconded. Roll Call vote: All in favor.*

**Public Comment:** Rich Saltzberg had some suggestions for sources of money for the trash removal on Edgartown road.

Cindy reminded the board of the Affordable Housing Trust meeting next Tuesday at 6:15 and hoped they could all be there.

*With no further business to attend to Skipper moved to adjourn the meeting. Jessica seconded. Roll Call vote: All in favor.*

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:07 pm*

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant*