

Approved 8/25/23
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Howes House Building Committee
July 26, 2023

Present: Skipper Manter, Bernadette Lyons; Bethany Hammond, Beth Kramer, Marie Larsen, Adrian Higgins, Dan Waters, Robert Hauck, Max Skjoldebrand, Mike Josefek, Jen Rand

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

Vote to Approve Minutes: *B. Lyons motioned to approve the minutes of 7/19/23. A. Higgins seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Vote to Approve Bills: *B. Lyons motioned to approve the bills from ACG (\$8,795) and Kennan & Kenny (\$17,550). B. Hammond seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Skipper noted that Kathy Logue had resigned from the Committee.

Skipper than asked about moderators for the Public Forum. Jen said she had spoken with Janet Widener who was interested in helping but not available on the 9th. Adrian had not yet spoken to Mike Hebert and Bethany had been playing phone tag with Judy Crawford.

Re: the public forum, Adrian said the committee still needed to know what people wanted. He thought it was likely the Committee would need to start over instead of continuing to try and scale back what has been done already. He added that the committee should bring three options to town meeting and let the voters decide. Bernadette said she thought that approach was problematic. She thought the first thing they needed to do was to hold the public forums to dispel misinformation and provide the facts about how the committee got to where they are. Skipper suggested the Committee take the list of questions and issues form Bernadette and determine who would address what. It was determined that the original target date of August 9th was too soon, a tentative date of August 31 at 6:00 pm was chosen. Mike suggested asking an historic expert to speak to the appropriateness of the project. Bethany said she wanted to make sure the Committee wasn't trying to sell the project but listen to what people wanted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58am

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand