

Approved 6/30/21
**Town of West Tisbury
Library Trustees &
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday June 16, 2021 4:30 pm
In Person at the WT Library**

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy and Town Administrator Jen Rand

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Kathy Logue, James Klingensmith, Susan Silk, Robert Hauck, Wendy Nierenberg, Emily Fisher, Alexandra Pratt, Lynne Hoft, Rich Saltzberg.

Skipper called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and made a short statement about masks and distancing.

Minutes to approve: June 9, 2021: There were no changes or edits offered.

Cindy made the motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor.

New Business:

- **Library Trustee Joint Appointment – Emily Fisher:**

Skipper asked Robert Hauck as Chair to call the Library Trustees Board to order. He also explained that as it is usually an elected position, if someone resigns between elections the joint Boards may appoint a replacement until the next annual election. Emily Fisher introduced herself and stated her intentions and interest in becoming a Library Trustee.

Cindy made the motion to appoint Emily Fisher to the Library Trustees Board. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor. The Library Trustees present also voted All in Favor resoundingly and unanimously.

Robert Hauck then adjourned the Library Trustees Board meeting.

- **Flag Pole/Flag Policy:**

Skipper stated that he had asked for this item to be on the agenda after the request to fly the Pride flag on the Town Hall flag pole and the discussion that ensued where Mr. Healy objected. Skipper respects Kent's opinions and thought there should be some discussion about a policy. He believes there will be more requests eventually, and suggested a dedicated flag pole for other flags at the triangle of land at the State Rd and Old County Road

intersection that belongs to the town. Kent says as a Town Official he is reluctant to impose his inclinations on other people in the town and is not in favor of flying other flags in any location. Cindy is at the other end of the spectrum and feels that the flag should be on recognizable Town property and pointed out that there is the Veterans Memorial at Town Hall. She thinks including something like the Pride flag would dignify it in a similar fashion is important to people. There were some questions from the audience and it was agreed that they need to have a policy but no action was taken at this time.

- **Town Board / Committee Appointments:**

Jen explained the list of appointments and pointed out the seats that were open that she will have to advertise for. She also pointed out the seats that Skipper and Cindy hold and asked them if they would continue which they said they would.

Cindy made the motion to approve all the appointments as listed. Kent seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- **Clam Season:**
- Jen is requesting the Board vote to open the clamming season. The Shellfish Advisory Committee had met and there was some ambiguity on whether the clam season was still open or not. They ultimately voted to keep it open for the rest of the year.

Kent made the motion to approve that the clamming season remains open for the rest of the year. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

- Jen says that the Governor just today signed the extension for the ability to meet by remote participation. It was amended to extend till April of 2022 and there are other extensions regarding the outdoor dining and alcohol service. She will reach out to the 2 town restaurants to have them state their interest and the Board will have to vote those extensions. Boards now can meet remotely or choose to meet in person or do a hybrid of both, but hybrid has to be done well. Skipper said they need to decide how they will meet at their next meeting in 2 weeks, and then have a more in-depth discussion as it was not on today's agenda. It was decided to meet via Zoom on the 30th and Jen will put the discussion on that agenda. She said the technology will continue to evolve.
- Susan Silk came before the Board to raise what she called a critical issue regarding the re-opening of the Council on Aging. She mentioned a rumor about a COA staff member that was not vaccinated. She stated that many seniors have told her they did not want to go back to the Senior Center if the staff was not vaccinated. She said she had spoken to Omar Johnson; Health Agent and he said the town has no policy at this time. She urged

him to create a policy and bring it to the Select Board. Skipper said that this should have been on the agenda and he was uncomfortable having any type of conversation at this time. The Board agreed that at the very least, the Director of the Howes House should be present for the conversation, among others, and that the public and employees should be notified. It will be put on the next agenda which will be in 2 weeks.

Old Business:

- **Howes House Feasibility Study Request For Qualification (RFQ):**

Jen explained the documents that will be submitted and requested that they require a mandatory sight visit for any one submitting a quote. Kathy Logue asked if they should also think about tearing it down and starting over compared to renovating and discussion followed. The question of the other towns use of the building also came up and whether they would contribute to the cost. Skipper thought that it should be much like they did with the Tri Town Ambulance buildings where each town paid a share and Kathy suggested they have representatives from the other towns on the feasibility committee. Jen will contact the Select Boards of the other two towns.

- **Possible Dreams Auction – Start Time correction from 5 pm to 4 pm:**

No discussion needed or action taken.

Cindy made the motion to offer the final contract to Mr. Pachico to be the new Fire Chief to begin the job as of July 1st, 2021. Kent seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

Correspondence:

- A letter regarding a zoning violation that Jen has forwarded to the Conservation Commission and the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Skipper disclosed that the property owner is his sister.

Public Comment: There was none.

With no further business Kent made the motion to adjourn. Cindy seconded. Roll Call: all in favor.

Adjourned 5:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant