

## **Minutes, West Tisbury Task Force Against Discrimination Meeting January 31, 2023, 5 p.m.**

**Present:** Elaine Cawley Weintraub, Susanna J. Sturgis, Loren Ghiglione, Terry Kriedman, Arielle Faria, Ted Jochsberger, Kim Lucas (guest).

**Absent with Regrets:** Brad Cortez, Alexandra Pratt

The meeting was held via Zoom. Susanna chaired.

### **Previous Minutes (December 6, 2022)**

Loren made a motion seconded by Ted to accept the minutes of January 10, 2023. **VOTE 5 YES, 0 NO, 1 abstention.**

- The first order of business was discussion of planning for the February 11 event, “West Tisbury and You”. Flyers have been put up on various bulletin boards around the town by Terry.
- Loren asked if we should pursue sponsorship, (e.g., from the school). Apparently, this was done for the 2017 event. (League of Women’s Voters, West Tisbury Library). This apparently was not usually done. There was no further discussion of this.
- Susanna asked if other speakers should be invited. She suggested Jessica Miller, the newest member of the Select Board. Arielle and Ted suggested that there were enough speakers. At this time this includes Jen Rand, Tara Whiting-Wells, Doug Ruskin and Dan Waters as moderator). Jen Rand has asked about what she should speak about – e.g., her basic job, responsibilities, what does the Select Board do, oversee? Who does she engage with – committee members, Board members etc.
- Arielle asked if there would be a walk through for speakers. Susanna said this hadn’t been planned, but she might ask the speakers and it could be done.
- Loren suggested that we talk to people about participating and volunteering for town government committees. Susanna said she’ll use Loren’s survey to guide the discussion. It is probable that Doug Ruskin and Dan Waters will address this in his remarks.
- Additional notification of the event will be shared on various social media sites (Instagram, Facebook – Islanders Talk) and with various groups such as the Hebrew Center, the West Tisbury Church, the Charter School, the West Tisbury School and presumably the Library. It will be also posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and possibly advertised on MVY. Other suggestions were MV Old Style and the NAACP.
- Susanna mentioned showing a video from Dan Wolf (a former State Senator). It was thought that this wouldn’t add anything to the discussion.
- There being no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned (Loren, seconded by Ted) at 5:38 p.m.
- The next meeting will be held March 7, 2023, *via* Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Jochsberger  
Recorder, *pro tem*