

**Minutes, West Tisbury Task Force Against Discrimination Meeting
February 6, 2024
APPROVED March 5, 2024**

Meeting called to order: 5:00 P.M.

Present: Susanna J. Sturgis, Ted Jochsberger, Terry Kriedman, Loren Ghiglione, Elaine Cawley Weintraub.

- The minutes for the September 7, 2021, and September 12, 2023, meetings were approved. (Ted motion, Susanna second). Ted recused himself from voting on the 9/7/21 minutes (not on the Task Force at the time).
- A discussion about the future of the Task Force ensued. Ted felt that due to the periodic inability to achieve a quorum and a paucity of issues, it might be wise to disband the Task Force at this time.
- Loren felt that the timing of meetings was poor, and although he believed in the agenda of the Task Force, it was difficult for him personally to attend meetings. In addition he had been looking forward to in person meetings which were not apparently forthcoming.
- Terry indicated that family medical issues might make it difficult for her to attend meetings.
- Elaine felt that the Task Force did not have much of a focus and “has had it”.
- Susanna said she was going back to the Select Board to get their input. She will attend the next meeting of the Board. Members of the Task Force who are able to will join her.
- Recent events might have come under the purview of the Task Force. Perhaps issues involving discrimination are better handled by other groups – NAACP, Anti-Defamation League? It was agreed that the Task Force had a positive effect, Susanna noted that it led her to join other groups such as the Island’s chapter of NAACP. She thanked the Task Force.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M. (Loren motion, Elaine second)

Respectfully submitted.
Ted Jochsberger
Recorder *pro tem*