

*Approved 12/4/2023*

**Town of West Tisbury  
Select Board Meeting jointly with the Up-Island Council on Aging  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 4:30 pm  
via Zoom**

**Present:** Select Persons Cynthia Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Jessica Miller and Town Administrator Jen Rand

**Also present or on Zoom for part or all of the meeting:** Garrison Vieira, Beth Kramer, Bernadette Lyons, Peter Cook, Susan Silk, Anna Alley, Andy Zaikis, Susan Collins, Peter Wells, Jenny Gadowski, Leah Smith, Bruce Stone, Kathy Logue, Bethany Hammond, Joyce Albertine, Eunkie Seonwoo, Thomas Humphrey, Janice Haynes and other members of the public that did not speak.

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

There were no minutes to be approved.

Skipper asked Cindy to take over as chair for the COA interviews as he was a former board member on the council.

**New Business:**

• **Council on Aging Board Interviews and Possible Appointment:**

Cindy began by convening the COA board by rollcall. After seeing all of the candidates Susan Silk withdrew her application stating that there were plenty of good people applying for the position and she didn't feel she needed to now. She was thanked for her interest. Anna Alley who is a current board member said that she would be willing to step down so that they could choose more than one of the applicants, but she was asked to stay at least through choosing a new member since she is the only remaining West Tisbury member that's not brand new. Cindy then explained how the interviews would work.

**Bernadette Lyons:** she spoke about her love for West Tisbury and the Howes House and COA. She has secretarial experience and talked about her experience on the HH building committee. She currently lives in Oak Bluffs but her heart is in West Tisbury.

**Andy Zaikis:** he is a retired attorney, an EMT, and a member of the ZBA. He has written and worked on re-writing bylaws among other things.

**Beth Kramer:** she said she was interested in being on the council partially because she feels she could share her experience in the building project for the Library. She understands the heavy lifting that will be required. She also has experience writing and bylaws, MOU's and strategic planning.

**Garrison Vieira:** He was a member of the West Tisbury Police Department and also the Climate Advisory Committee. And sees this as a way to stay involved in WT now that he is working elsewhere. He is on the executive board of the Ag Society and has worked on their bylaws and has experience adjusting them to meet changing needs.

Cindy was touched by the interest in the board. There will be one more interview tomorrow and everyone is welcome to attend that session also. It was suggested that they could appoint associate members and decided that once the new board is up and running they can decide if they'd like to. The COA will decide and then make their recommendation to the Select Board who will make the appointment next week 10/18. When asked if current COA members who were unable to be at these interviews could participate in making the decision it was decided that yes they could as they could watch the Zoom recording beforehand.

*Susan Collins moved to adjourn the Up-Island Council on Aging meeting. It was seconded. All in favor.*

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

**Old Business:** There was none.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Janice Haynes,  
Administrative Assistant*