

To Chilmark Select Board:

I have been asked by Selectman James Malkin to give my recommendation for a new member to serve on the Harbor Advisory Board. The two applicants I have been told that would like to become committee members are Deb Hancock and Wes Brighton. I have seen the written request that was sent to the select board by Deb Hancock, I have yet to see a written request From Wes Brighton even though I have asked for one. As you all know there has been mention of Wes Brighton's request in the past based on an email I sent to the select board on March 19,2022.As chairman of the HAC I do not have any knowledge of Wes Brightons's actual request other than from Jim Malkin and Ryan Rossi. As you are are probably aware I take the future of Menemsha very seriously. Wes Brighton has much involvement on the water front, Commercial, slip holder, fishing shanty co-lease holder, dockage for Martha Rose when needed with private electric hook up, board member of Fishermans preservation trust and partners with a member of the HAC. Deb Hancock also has involvement in Menemsha, abutter as home owner, dock owner, active boater and long family history with town of Chilmark. At this time our members include Steve Broderick(commercial fisherman slip holder),Wayne Iacono (commercial fisherman slip holder) Susan Murphy (commercial mooring permit holder),Andy Goldman (slip holder),Fred Khedouri slip holder, abutter home owner), and myself (slip holder).

This being said I feel there could be some type of conflict if Wes Brighton was appointed to the HAC. Menemsha has a lot of important decisions coming up in the next few years and my goal is to keep it as much of a fishing village as possible. I believe Deb Hancock would be the best choice to help steer the future of Menemsha.

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Chairman Harbor Advisory Committee