

Mar. 21, 2018
West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee
Minutes
At Selectmen Meeting

Present: Larry Schubert, Mike Colaneri, Ted Jochsberger and Rise Terney

Absent with Regrets: Susan Feller, Glenn Hearn and Angela Prout

Also Present: Rhonda Conley, Selectmen, Town Administrator and members of the public

This meeting was to discuss with the Selectmen Warrant Article 37. Warrant Article 37 reads: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of Town owned land located at 401 State Road (Map 11, Lot 18) to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee for development and use as affordable housing.

The Selectmen have discussed dropping the article and keeping the land preserved for Town future use. They asked the WTAHC for their input. Larry asked for what use the Town would save the land. He stated the large needs have been addressed-Fire Station, Police Station, Library and Town Hall. Kent Healy said he has reservation about using the lot. Skipper Manter also feels the land should be left vacant for future Town use. Nobody had ideas as to what that future use might be.

Mike stated that the need for housing is critical and the property would be best used for affordable housing. Ted said Town use also includes affordable housing.

Cindy Mitchell stated that the case for leaving the land vacant for future Town use shall be put forward at town meeting. The vote will give direction to what the town people want or don't want on the property.

Larry told the Selectmen that the WTAHC is discussing various ideas and are leaning toward elderly housing mixed with all age housing. Rise said possibly an Aging Friendly Community. Mike pointed out that it is a good location for rentals being on the bus route, near the bike path, emergency services plus within walking distant of stores and a pharmacy.

Adjourned at 5:15 PM

The next meeting will be Mar. 27, 2018 at 6:45 Pm in the 2nd floor conference rm. Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley