

May 10, 2016
West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee
Minutes

Present: Larry Schubert, Mike Colaneri, Henry Geller, Glenn Hearn, Ted Jochsberger,
Angela Prout and Vickie Thurber

Absent with Regrets: Susan Feller

Also Present: Rhonda Conley

Vickie made a motion seconded by Ted to accept the 4/19/16 minutes as written.

VOTE 6 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN

NEW BUSINESS

AHC Member: Larry stated he has been contacted by Susan Feller about being absent for an extended period and asked if the committee wishes her to step down. Mike stated there is no policy on attendance at meetings. The committee decided her absence will not be a problem and Larry will let Susan know that when she is ready her position will be waiting.

All Island HHP (Housing Production Plan): Henry stated that the MVC is hoping to get a grant for help with creation of a detailed process for housing development on the island. The group is hoping to get the State to agree that housing on the island should be handled as a regional area and not town by town for affordable housing quotas.

Henry would like to have someone from the AHC to take over his part in the HHP group. Vickie agrees that having an AHC member is a good idea. Ted said he would think about it.

Open Meeting Law: Rhonda attended the session on open meeting laws. She said the AHC were following the rules as explained at the meeting and that she has a better understanding of executive session.

Elections: Larry asked about elections. Rhonda explained that every year in April the committee elects a chair and vice chair. Glenn nominated Larry for chair and Vickie nominated Mike for vice chair. There were no further nominees.

VOTE for Larry as AHC Chair for one year 7 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN

VOTE for Mike as AHC Vice Chair for one year 7 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN

Renew Appointments: Rhonda reminded everyone to get verification from their appointing board and sworn in by Town Clerk.

REPORTS

Planning Board: Henry stated the PB is discussing changing the accessory apt. bylaw to allow non-year round residents to rent accessory apts. but not both home and apt. Larry said the whole bylaw may need to be changed due to the preamble to the section. Mike suggested there be an exemption clause that the homeowner may request to rent both. Henry will keep the AHC informed and Rhonda will reach out to Jane stating that the AHC would like to be included in discussions of the change.

ZBA: No report

CPC: No report. Mike asked Rhonda to get AHC on the CPC agenda for discussing the RFP.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Fire Station Lot: The members discussed whether the plan will hit any snags in the permitting process. It could be referred to the MVC as a development of regional impact. This could lead to it becoming a 40B project which everyone hopes does not happen.

The Bidders' Conference does not have a time. ***Vickie made a motion seconded by Mike to make the time 11 AM on June 1st. VOTE 7 YES 0 NO***

Rhonda was asked to ask Fire Chief if the AHC could use the little fire station at site for the conference in case of rain.

Rhonda was asked to contact Park and Rec about getting on their agenda to discuss the RFP.

Town owned Land: Henry has not made any progress. He will speak with the various organizations (DCRHA, Elderly Housing, etc.). He is on the Selectmen's agenda.

Adjourned at 8:10 PM

The next AHC meeting will be May 24, 2016 at 7 PM in 2nd floor conference rm. Town Hall.

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Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley