

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES April 2, 2018 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Bea Phear, Susan Silva, Henry Geller, Leah Smith.

ABSENT: Matt Merry

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Veno, Gary Mottau, Doug Ruskin, Jane Rossi

Susan opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

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DISCUSSION:

• Amend Cargo Container zoning bylaw Warrant Article:

Bea moved and Susan seconded the motion to amend the warrant article by Section #8.11. The vote was unanimous.

•Update on Special Ways proceedings:

Jane informed the board that she had reached out to Attorney Rappaport regarding the ongoing litigation case against the town. She said that Harriet Bernstein had requested the status in order for the Byways Committee to continue with their plan to amend the zoning bylaws. Ron told Jane that the trial had ended but he would need to meet with the Planning Board in executive session sometime in May or June. Doug Ruskin and Bill Veno pointed out that the legal case was of public record and wondered why it would have to go to executive session. The board said they would determine that when meeting with Ron.

•Meeting with South Mountain at the DeBlois property:

Jane explained that Matt Coffey from South Mountain and Company had contacted her with a request for a site visit to the DeBlois property. He said he needed a treed/open lots determination from the board regarding flagged lots on the property. Jane asked the board to set aside two dates and she would contact Matt to see what worked for him.

•Doug Ruskin in for a discussion on the Cargo Container Warrant Article:

CORRESPONDENCE:

•Wetlands Preservation Inc.:

Correspondence relating to the DeBlois property.

•Storm Water Management workshop at the MVC on April 3, 2018:

Jane and Ginny will attend.

●Approval letter on the Maciel Tree and Land operation:

*Leah moved and Bea seconded the motion to approve the letter to the Zoning Inspector.
The vote was unanimous.*

●Doug Ruskin RE: Discussion on Cargo Container bylaw amendment:

Doug asked the board if there had been a public hearing on the proposed Warrant Article. He was informed that there had been a full public hearing and no members of the public attended. Doug said that the bylaw makes no sense. A special permit should not have to be obtained for a storage container. Ginny pointed out that Joe wants the regulations in the bylaw for safety reasons. She said that the fire department wants to know what is being stored inside the containers. If there is a fire, it would be helpful to know if there are any flammable contents stored. Doug said he understood that, however, the whole bylaw seems onerous. Bill Veno pointed out that the MVC has storage containers regulated on the DRI checklist. He said the storage containers tend to be used to “skirt” bylaw regulations. He pointed out that storage container applications are not referred to the MVC often. The assessors are not able to include the containers in their property assessments which is another “skirting.”

There was a brief discussion regarding notifying the public of upcoming public hearings, etc. Doug addressed the issue of notifying the public. He said that there should be a way to notify every tax payer of public meetings. He was told that a handful of town employees are working to upgrade the website to improve on wide range notifications amongst other things.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

Approved on 5/14/18