

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES October 16, 2017 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Susan Silva, Leah Smith, Bea Phear, Matt Merry

ABSENT: Henry Geller

ALSO PRESENT: Berta Geller, Geoff Rose, Jane Rossi

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

DISCUSSION:

•Berta Geller RE: Update on the Complete Streets Committee:

Berta explained to the board that the Committee is hosting a public meeting on October 25th from 4:30 to 5:30 to discuss their work on a prioritization plan. The Town and the committee's consultant team, Howard Stein Hudson, will introduce the Complete Streets Program, present initial findings, and ask the community for feedback on how best to make our roads safer for walking, biking, transit and driving. She said that the committee initially hosted a public meeting that was mainly attended by cyclists; however, Richie Olsen did attend, as well as some other businesses that use large trucks. She explained that the consultants have obtained some crash data from the police department and have been on the island to review the roads. This meeting will be broader than the last and the committee hopes to gain some useful feedback from the community. She said that the State Roads are their biggest concern; they are controlled by the state so they are not the town's jurisdiction. Ginny pointed out that Jonathan Klaren, Chief of Police in Chilmark, has been successful in contacting the state to maintain the roads. However, their remedies of filling in ruts and pot holes have been temporary. Berta said that the committee has decided it would be helpful to meet with Richie Olsen regularly, and the board suggested that Jesse Oliver, Richie's assistant, be included in the conversation. The board also suggested that Berta be informed of any meetings that will involve the proposed development of Huseby Meadow LLC.

•Geoff Rose RE: Potential bylaw amendment request:

Geoff explained that he has compiled some language regarding the definition of "cultivation area" in the zoning bylaw. He said he has asked Joe Tierney to review the language and reconsider his interpretation of the definition. He said he wants to give Joe the first opportunity, and, if he won't reconsider, then Geoff would formally propose an amendment to the zoning bylaw.

•Typographical error in the zoning bylaw:

Jane told the board that it had been brought to her attention that the Old Stage Coach Road Special Way was numbered incorrectly in the current copy of the zoning bylaws. She said the language listed the location of the beginning of the Special Way on Map "25." However, when she looked up the original warrant article, the Map within the article was Map "26." She asked if the typo could be manually corrected or if it needed to be voted on at Town Meeting. Bea said that it was simply a typo, and not an amendment of the original language, so there was no need for a new warrant article.

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●Fire safety review from the Fire Chief on the DeBlois property:

Jane informed the board that Manny Estrella had asked her why the Fire Department wasn't listed in the approval letter of the committees that the property was subject to review. Jane asked the board if she should re-draft the letter to include the Fire Chief since the proposed Form A plan would create more than four lots.

Susan moved and Matt seconded the motion to redraft the letter to include the Fire Chief. The vote was unanimously in favor.

●CORRESPONDENCE:

●E-911 Address assignment form for 565 Edgartown Road, Scott's Grove:

Leah moved and Bea seconded the motion to approve and sign the address assignment. The vote was unanimous and Ginny signed the form.

●GENERAL DISCUSSION:

●Ginny mentioned that Jim Feiner had informed the board that he needed to move some items from his property on Music Street. However, he was not clear as to why he was informing the board. Ginny said she would make an inquiry.

●Report from Leah on the Capital Improvements Committee:

Leah said that the committee members are asking their assigned Town Departments about their capital needs and will then work on priorities. Part of this year's work is to better incorporate realistic building maintenance expenses.

●Report from Bea on the Community Preservation Committee:

Bea reported that all the applications are in and there is less of a demand for funding this year. She stated that all towns have been advised to hold off in granting funding to churches until a lawsuit is over.

Bea explained to the board that people who do affordable housing rehabilitation have been funded by other towns. However it is not an eligible program because it was not created with CPC funds, therefore, they should consider applying for a warrant article. She pointed out that the affordability clause does evaporate at the end of the loan.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

The minutes were approved at the 10/23/17 meeting.

Jane Rossi, Administrator