

## **WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES February 13, 2017, 5:30 PM**

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

**ABSENT:** Henry Geller, Matthew Merry.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Doug Ruskin, Jane Rossi

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30.

### **Application from Rebecca Miller for a permit to replace a street sign with a 6 square foot business sign on Map 26, Lot 20, 55 Misty Meadow Lane off of Old County Road:**

Rebecca Miller explained that the B&Z Inspector had initially referred her to the ZBA until it was realized that the Planning Board was the reviewing committee for questionable signage according to the current Signage bylaw. Jane explained that the referral was based on Joe Tierney's concerns regarding the replacement of a road sign with a business sign since the business is located on a road that is not visible from Old County Road. Rebecca asked if the Town could place a street sign on Old County Road.

Bea read Section 8.4-6B of the zoning bylaw which states that "the Board shall consider the public need for direction to the premises". She also pointed out that the bylaw clearly states that "an off premises sign shall not exceed 4 square feet in size." The board suggested that the address appear on the business sign.

*Bea moved to approve the substitution of the Misty Meadows Lane sign with a new Martha's Vineyard Community Horse Center business sign that will include the address to the property located on Misty Meadow Lane and the sign will not exceed 4 square feet in size. Susan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.*

Jane said she would draft a letter to Joe Tierney so that Rebecca would not have to appear before the board a second time.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **●Byways Committee brochures:**

Bea informed the board that there was a discussion at the last Selectmen's meeting about the \$1000 line item on the Planning Board budget to cover the cost of the Byways Committee brochures. She said that the Selectmen would cover the cost out of their budget so that the line item could be removed. According to the Selectmen, the town is trying to save as much money as possible.

*Ginny signed the new budget with the line item removed.*

#### **●Electric Busses**

Bea reported that she attended the Selectmen's meeting the previous Wednesday and said she was very impressed with the proposal to begin using electric buses island wide. She said that the long range plan may include electric taxi cabs as well. Angela Gompert of the VTA had attended the Selectmen's meeting and explained that the buses would be 30, 35 or 40 feet long. A bus has to recharge at some point during the day and the chargers, similar in contrast to a manhole cover, would be on the ground for a bus to park over for re-charging. The cover can be plowed over and all of the electricity would be underground. The charger box would be 8x8x20. The meeting was informational and the location of the panels and charge

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boxes remains to be determined. There will be a committee to look into siting of the charger and the solar panels.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **•Letter to Ginny Jones from Senator Julian Cyr:**

Ginny informed the board that she had personally received a letter from Senator Cyr expressing his eagerness to meet with the board in the near future. He enclosed an invitation to meet with him at a gathering on March 4<sup>th</sup> in Barnstable. Jane was asked to contact the AIPB to get Senator Cyr on the agenda for a meeting following the scheduled February meeting.

#### **•Public Hearing Notice from the ZBA for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary proposed site relocation:**

Geoff Rose is proposing to set up his dispensary in the light industrial district at 90 Dr. Fisher Road. The hearing will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 pm.

#### **•Email from Harriet Bernstein RE: Proposal to limit house size:**

The email from Harriet suggested that the board consider limiting the size of houses in West Tisbury. The board stated that, although Harriet had a valid suggestion, it was not a high priority on their list of items that need their attention. The board suggested that Jane draft a letter to Harriet suggesting that she come in for a discussion but that they would not be considering a change to the coning bylaws until there hear of the results of the proposal in Chilmark.

#### **•Email from Harriet Bernstein RE: Roger's Path:**

Harriet indicated that there was a lack of enforcement on the part of the B&Z Inspector pertaining to several complaints about the debris on the Roger's Path Special Way. The board determined that this was a Board of Selectman issue and asked Jane to draft a letter to Harriet directing her to consult with the Selectmen on the matter.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Ginny asked Doug Ruskin about architectural fees on affordable housing projects. She said it seemed that there was a new fee for every new plan and wondered why there had to be so many different designs. Doug said that Scott's Grove was designed after Kuhne's Way with some slight revisions. He said he feels it is important to be as consistent as possible to cut down on costs. He said they are currently looking into modular construction.

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Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator