

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES July 25, 2016, 5:30 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Faith Runner, Phyllis Meras, Susan Wasserman, Susan Block, Robert Gothard, Anna Alley and Jane Rossi.

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30.

Continued public hearing on an application from Jim Feiner for a Special Permit to install a temporary curb cut on the property located at 35 Music Street, Map 32, Lot 44:

Ginny read a letter from the applicant stating that he would not be in attendance due to a family commitment, and he requested a continuance. Bea said the application remains incomplete since Jim has not submitted a plan to date. She therefore felt the application should be denied. Leah concurred and said the hearing should not be continued for a second time. She suggested that the board hear any additional testimony from those in attendance. Matt stated that the applicant has not fulfilled the requirements of the Historical Preservation Commission either.

Ginny read a letter from Dr. Tsai, and stated that the board had recently received two emails from Susan Block. All were in opposition of the curb cut and reiterated disassembling the stone wall. Susan Block stated that, at the last meeting, the board said they would deny the application if it was not complete by the meeting of the 25th.

Bea moved to deny the application and Leah seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Jane was asked to draft a letter to the applicant and carbon copy Sean Conley.

Susan Block stated that there was a split rail fence on the lot that Jim removed. She asked if the board could request that it be re-installed. Leah told her that enforcement was not the board's jurisdiction. Matt pointed out that the owner of the property has a right to drive on his lawn if he so chooses and they should be prepared for that.

DISCUSSION:

●State Changes to Zoning:

Bea explained to the board that the state proposes to require that each town have a designated location for multi-family housing. There is also a proposal that requires each town allow accessory apartments up to 900 square feet by right. It is assumed that these bills may not pass on the House floor.

●Fire Prevention:

Ginny stated that fire prevention would be a good topic for discussion at the AIPB meeting in September, and it would be good if it was the boards presented topic. Jane was asked to request that the Fire Chiefs from each town attend. The discussion would be based on what would happen in the event of a State Forest fire.

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●Parking spaces at the West Tisbury School:

The board determined that it was not necessary to review the recently added parking spaces at the school.

●Public Hearing procedure:

Ginny informed the board that Richard Knabel was not happy with the Mayhew public hearing. He felt it had not been properly conducted. She said that Richard and Andrea Hartman have been working with Deborah Mayhew on an alternative plan but Deborah has not agreed to give up the curb cut.

Regarding procedure, Leah suggested that Jane provide for each member copies of all correspondence pertaining to each hearing. She also suggested that Ginny give a brief summary at the beginning of each hearing so that all are informed. Any professional opinions should come directly from the source in writing.

●Housing Production Project (HPP):

Matt Merry said he had been talking with some people who didn't seem favorable to housing production projects. He said it would be helpful if the public had more information that would encourage them to support these projects. Henry said there will be an article in the paper prior to the first of a series of workshops the committee is in the process of scheduling for the fall. The workshops will be public and will be well publicized.

●MINUTES:

Leah moved and Bea seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2016 as amended. The vote was unanimous.

●CORRESPONDENCE:

●Mayhew decision.

All board members signed the approved Mayhew decision.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator