

Attn: WT Planning Board  
RE: Byways Cte going forward

10/21/2022

In our last meeting, Bill Veno reported that he spoke with Ron Rappaport about the WT Byways Committee and how our efforts might infringe on his efforts vis a vis a lawsuit with the Town. Ron advised caution in the area of Manter's Path but that other efforts could proceed without concern.

However, Bill suggested we keep the Planning Board apprised of our efforts and work a bit more closely with you. In that vein, I present the following areas with which we would like to proceed.

1. We would like to get a trail easement from Sally Anderson for an extension of Scrubby Neck to Edgartown Road. The trail currently continues along the Maciel driveway which is now paved. Mr. Maciel approves and has indicated that he believes Ms. Anderson is also in favor. The Land Bank is willing to obtain this easement.
2. A resident who lives and walks near Shubael Weeks has brought to our attention that Special Ways appear as roads on Google Maps. She frequently sees large SUVs struggling to turn around on these paths and notices that these often large vehicles make walking the paths difficult for pedestrians. We would like to pursue ways we could employ to prevent this misuse of the paths whether with signs or approaching Google maps. We expect to come up with recommendations to present to you.
3. Lesley Eaton wrote a letter to the Planning Board in March of last year. We have been in contact with her, but she would like a response from the Planning Board.
4. It has come to our attention that the Fire Dept regs are in conflict with Special Ways regs and that the Tisbury and maybe West Tisbury Fire Chiefs are actively concerned. Amy Upton seems to be on top of this, but if there is a way to resolve this situation, the Byways Committee would like to be part of any discussion.

FYI, we will cease any efforts to protect Manter's Path until further notice. Please alert us when we might be able to proceed.

Respectfully,  
Harriet Bernstein  
Chair, WT Byways