

Jan. 12, 2021
West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee
Minutes

Present: Mike Colaneri, Ted Jochsberger, Jeffrey Dubard, Susan Silk and Rise Terney

Absent with Regrets: James Klingensmith and Larry Schubert

Also Present: Rhonda Conley, Susan Feller and Doug Ruskin

Terney made a motion seconded by Colaneri to accept the 12-8-2020 minutes as written with spelling and name corrections. **VOTE 3 YES 0 NO 2 ABSTAIN**

INVOICES

Legal Fees: Conley presented the invoices for December 2020 from Reynolds, Rappaport, Kaplan And Hackney (Town Counsel).The invoices charges were 299 Old County Rd.-\$588.00 and 16 Old Courthouse Rd.-\$183.75. ***Terney made a motion seconded by Colaneri to pay Town Counsel total invoices of \$771.75 for legal services. VOTE 5 YES 0 NO***

ONGOING BUSINESS

401 State Road: Silk began the discussion with stating that the Selectmen should be on board with the AHC's wish to create affordable housing at 401 State Rd. The discussion touched on various topics as whether elderly housing or mixed, need of elevator for upper floors, West Tisbury residents only. Town residents only would be in violation of the Fair Housing Law. ***Colaneri made a motion seconded by Terney that a warrant article be drafted using the previous request warrant article language which put the property in the care of the Affordable Housing Committee. VOTE 5 YES 0 NO***

Silk stated she has a next steps list with housing advocates, letter to abutters (neighbors). She will work with her subcommittee to promote the affordable housing use of the property.

Properties Possibilities: Dubard said he is looking into approx. 3 acres on Edgartown-West Tisbury Rd. and approx. 3 acres near Cronings. He will keep the committee updated on his progress.

16 Old Courthouse Rd.: Colaneri informed the committee that the Ground Lease has been approved and signed by the Selectmen. He said that builder selection should be taking place in Feb. with a construction start date in mid-May.

Colaneri asked that the historic plaque be considered again for placement at 16 Old Courthouse Rd. Terney volunteered to look into the history of the location for data to place on the plaque.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee (FinCom): Conley told the members that FinCom wanted an explanation as why the increase in AHC's budget. It was decided that Conley draft a letter sharing it with Jochsberger and Colaneri for review and input and present to FinCom.

89 Pin Oak: Conley received a letter from DCRHA stating that Martha MacGillivray income qualified for affordable housing. The owners, MacGillivrays, some time back contacted Conley about selling their home to their daughter, Martha. Conley explained to them the process to resale affordable homes. After this she heard nothing from them until the letter from DCRHA. Conley and Colaneri will look further into the matter.

Adjourned at 7 PM

The next AHC meeting will be Jan. 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Approved Jan. 26, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley