

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES January 28, 2019 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Henry Geller

ALSO PRESENT: Jeremiah Brown, Richie Olsen, Jane Rossi.

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

•Public hearing on the removal of various deceased or dead trees along sections of Indian Hill Road, South Indian Hill Road, Lambert's Cove Road, North Road and one tree at 685 Old County Road to be removed by the Town Tree Warden in compliance with the Scenic Roads Town Bylaw adopted at Town Meeting on February 5, 1974 and amended on October 27, 1976:

Ginny opened the public hearing and read the hearing notice. She informed Richie Olsen and Jeremiah Brown that the board has received no public comment. Leah asked if any of the trees on Music Street will be removed and Jeremiah said Music Street was not one of the designated roads. Bea said that stated that there are more trees on Indian Hill road that should be removed. Jeremiah said that not all trees are marked, just the ones that could potentially fall onto the road. Some of the trees could be removed but they don't impose the threat that the tagged trees do. Leah asked if any of the trees are blocking the line of sight. Jeremiah and Richie said there weren't any. Jeremiah said that Richie helped him tag the trees to be removed. The biggest tree is near the Merry property on Lambert's Cove Road.

Jeremiah described that he has about \$10,000.00 per year to work with. He said he was not aware that a public hearing was required for tree removal. Ginny pointed out that in an emergency situation, a hearing is not required. Richie said they have to be careful about the road layout because some trees are on private property and some are not. Matt said that according to a surveyor, Lambert's Cove Road is owned by everyone on the road to the middle line of the road.

Jeremiah explained that the tree on Old County Road is on private property. The owner of the road wants the tree removed and Jeremiah will remove it at the owner's expense. However, he felt it should be included in the hearing notice since is it so close to the road.

Leah said that people might be grateful for the removal of the trees if they knew the damage they could cause.

Bea moved to approve the removal of the trees and Leah seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

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ANR Checklist:

The board informed Jane that they were happy with the list she drafted. Matt asked her to draft a Form C checklist as well. He said it will be helpful to hand the list to the applicant so that they can make sure everything that needs to be included on the plan will be.

Warrant Articles:

Special Ways amendments: Bea said it looks good and the summary is fine. She said that Section “E” covers any issues that may arise. *The board approved the amendment.*

Swimming Pools: Jane explained that the State no longer requires a fence around a pool if it has an electronic pool cover. However, the ZBA feels a physical barrier such as a fence should be required in the bylaws. *The board approved the language in the bylaw and the submittal sheet.*

Section 8.4-4 L: At the request of the B&Z Inspector, the bylaw contained language that didn’t make any sense. The proposed language corrects that. *The board approved the amendment.*

Town meeting is on April 9, 2019. Leah will speak on Section 8.4-4 L. The ZBA can speak on the Pool amendment and the Byways Committee can speak on the Special Ways amendments.

DISCUSSION:

- Leah informed the board that she had received a phone call from Geoff Rose stating that the town should allow for the sale of marijuana in the LI District at the airport. She said Geoff will be filing a citizen’s petition with the Board of Selectmen.
- Ginny announced that Emma Green Beach will speak on the 13th of February at 5:30 at the Shellfish Committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter to the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs RE: Expansion project at the airport. *Ginny signed the letter.*
- Chronological list from Myron Garfinkle on the Coffin property history.

MINUTES:

The minutes of January 14, 2019 were unanimously approved.
The minutes of January 7, 2019 were edited.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

Unanimously approved on February 11, 2019