

## **WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES November 15, 2023, pg 1**

PRESENT Ginny Jones, Leah Smith, Matt Merry, Heikki

ABSENT: Amy Upton, John Ra

ALSO PRESENT: (Names as they appeared on the Zoom screen)

Bucky Burrows, Sebastian Haitt, Jane Rossi.

Leah opened the meeting at 5:00 pm and declared a quorum present.

### **●Site Plan Review application from The WT Congregational Church requesting the removal of two trees and the allowance to trim back all trees on Map 32, Lot 61, 1051 State Road, Village District:**

Bucky Burrows explained that the trees surrounding the church are causing significant roof and siding damage. The church wishes to remove two trees that overhang the church in the north west corner of the property. The trees are on the Gothard property which abuts the church property. Bucky has spoken with Josh Gothard about removing the trees and he agrees that they should be removed. The other surrounding trees will need to be pruned due to overhang. Bucky said that Josh Gothard has granted him permission to temporarily remove the fence to allow space for the tree removal. New trees will be planted to replace the cut trees.

Leah said the invasive maple should be removed regardless since it is invasive, and she felt the other tree should come down. Thee board suggested that another tree be planted where the two trees will be removed. Ginny suggested the applicant cut the wood and leave it on the side of the road for anyone to take.

*Ginny made a motion in favor of the plan and Matt seconded the motion. Ginny-yes, Matt-yes, Heikki-yes, Leah-yes.*

### **ZBA Referrals:**

- Pratt: Setback relief for an addition on Map 7, Lot 63. 85 Oak Lane.**
- Greenfield: Swimming pool on Map 17, Lot 105, 80 Oak Lane.**

*Ginny moved and Heikki seconded the motion to refer the applications back to the ZBA for their consideration.*

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### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **Merry Farm LLC:**

Leah said the deadline for Jeffrey to provide the board with the proper documentation was October 28, 2023. So far, he has not provided the board with a revised plan or a holder of the conservation restriction on the open space portion of his subdivision on Merry Farm Road.

Jane explained that she had spoken with Adam Moore at Sheriff's Meadow Foundation. She was told that Jeffrey DuBard was on their agenda for an upcoming meeting but he didn't expect an agreement to be signed at that time. Matt said he has had to explain to some people that the board's hands are tied and it is up to Jeffrey to act. Ginny said she felt that, in a sense, the board does hold the cards in this case.

#### **Tucker curb cut on State Road:**

The board determined they would wait until the first of the year to act on the lack of a response to a letter they sent to Brad Tucker regarding his neglect to install a second curb cut on his property at 844 State Road.

#### **Letter to Complete Neighborhoods:**

Jane explained that Laura Silber from the MVC requested the board draft a letter providing some ideas on areas within the town that may need some support that a grant could provide. She read the letter to the board of which they suggested the removal of an idea to create a mixed use district in North Tisbury. Also removed was an idea to create affordable housing on undersized lots. The board was in favor of asking for assistance in creating shared use paths and creating a campus setting in the Mixed Business and Village Districts.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Rossi, Board Administrator.

**Approved on December 11, 2023 Smith-yes, Jones-yes, Merry-yes, Soikkeli-yes**