

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES December 9, 2019

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Bea Phear, Matt Merry, Henry Geller, Amy Upton, Leah Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Myron Garfinkle, Jay Theise, Richard Rooney, Reid Silva, Samantha Look, Scott and Charlotte Caskey, Jane Rossi.

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30.

Form A application from Reid Silva on behalf of Henry, Karen and Kenneth Child to adjust the lot lines on the properties located on Assessor's Map 21, Lots 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, Dr. Fisher Road and Holmes Hole Road:

Reid displayed the plan and explained that Hal Child owns Lot 1 and parcel B and his brother Ken owns Parcel E. Ken uses the existing shed and lean-to but they are over the lot line. The proposed adjustment places them on his lot, and they adjusted the line for an even exchange. Hal wanted to add acreage to his lot to make room for his child to build a house. Reid said that Old Holmes Hole Road is passable to the lots and the result of the plan creates two buildable lots.

Leah made a motion to approve the plan and Bea seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION:

Report from Bea on the Community Preservation Committee:

Bea reported that town counsel has determined that the application submitted for funding of engineering work on shared use paths along Old County Road does not qualify. The Complete Streets Committee was applying to install shared use paths because Mass DOT will not provide funding for engineer work. Bea said they have two options; either have the planning board pay for the work or draft a warrant article and request the funds at town meeting. Henry said it would be difficult for the board to pay for it.

Request from the Highway Superintendent for the board to require improvement to the entrance to Pine Lane:

Jane explained that Richie Olsen had been in with the request. He said that the entrance is a mess with dirt spreading onto Old County Road and the apron is damaged. The road has increasingly become wider and it needs to be returned to satisfactory condition. Bea agreed that it was in bad shape. Henry stated that this should be an enforcement issue. Leah said Richie has asked the board to draft a letter. Jane was asked to draft the letter and send it to every member of the road association. Matt pointed out that they have to have an apron in order to be compliant.

Report from the proposed Housing Sub-Committee RE: Potential members:

Samantha Look informed the board that all who have been working on a proposed zoning bylaw to regulate house size want to be on the committee. She said they had the option to remain informal but felt it best to be an official board. Matt said since it is a town issue it should be formal. The members will be Harriet Bernstein, Ivory Littlefield, Paul Rashba, Bruce McNeley, Heikki Soikkeli, Samantha Look and Amy Upton (Liaison to the PB). Reid Silva and Whit Griswold will be associate members. Matt said he had asked Reid to join the committee. Leah informed Samantha that there will need to be a quorum at each meeting. Bea said someone will need to take and file the minutes. Samantha said she will talk with

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Jane about the procedure time lines for posting. Everyone will need to be sworn in and they will need to take the ethics test. Samantha said they have yet to come up with a name for the committee but will work on it.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the committee members. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Public hearing notice from the MVC: RE: Designation of Schuebel Weeks Road and Red Coat Hill Road in Tisbury.**

- **Documentation from Richard Rooney on the undersized lot on the Coffin property:**

Richard said that he wanted to offer that the December 2nd document was informational. He said the letter he submitted to the board today was a request for the board to create a definition for the term “way” to be adopted at town meeting. Bea pointed out that the board has determined that private driveways are not subtracted from the size of a lot. She asked Richard to draft language for the board. Ginny suggested that others in the room may want to do the same. Richard said he has reached out to local engineers,.

Jay Theise said there was an opinion letter given to the building inspector dated July 5, 2019.

Climate Change Advisory Committee:

Ginny reported that potable water, prevention of forest fires and food are her top priorities as well as shelter and heat. She pointed out that it would take 85 minutes a fire to burn from the state forest to the water in any direction. Scott Caskey said that there was a study done and that he would try to get a copy. Henry said the State Forest doesn't have a plan for getting rid of dead trees. Matt said it would be very expensive to have them removed. Bea said that water quality doesn't seem to be a climate issue even though it is a problem.

MINUTES: *Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes. The vote was unanimous.*

- Leah suggested the board not meet during the holidays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

Approved on December 16, 2019