

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES March 25, 2019 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Bea Phear, Susan Silva, Leah Smith, Henry Geller.

ABSENT: Matt Merry.

ALSO PRESENT: Geoff Rose, Jo Ann Taylor, Cynthia Aguilar, Harriet Bernstein, Rez Williams, Katie Upson, Jane Rossi.

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

●Public hearing on a proposed Warrant Article to amend language in Section 8.5-4 Swimming Pools to correct a typographical error:

Ginny opened the public hearing and read the hearing notice.

No one from the public attended the hearing.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the Warrant Article. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION:

The board reviewed the draft report from the Planning Board regarding a Citizens Petition from Geoff Rose. They determined that it was sufficient and will be presented on Town Meeting floor. Geoff Rose stated that he felt the report was adequate.

- Bea agreed to present the Special Ways Warrant Article on Town Meeting floor.
- Ginny agreed to present the Swimming Pool Warrant Article.
- Leah agreed to present the Citizens Petition Warrant Article by reading the report and reading the amendments.
- Leah agreed to present the Warrant Article on the Signage bylaw amendment.

Ginny pointed out that the section of Dr. Fisher Road that runs in front of the cultivation and processing building is a mess. Geoff stated that the property the building is on will be cleaned up by the end of April. He also stated that Dr. Fisher Road has a road association.

●Public hearing on a Warrant Article to amend Section 6.2-4 Special Ways, of the zoning bylaws for clarification purposes:

Ginny read the public hearing notice and informed the room that the Warrant Article will be introduced by Bea on Town Meeting floor. Harriet stated that the reason for the amendments is for housekeeping purposes. Bea will state in her introduction that the list of existing special ways will not change. Harriet expressed concern about the lettering sequence in the amendment and asked if it could be changed. Rez stated that he assumed it could not be changed at this point and asked why it was necessary to hold a public hearing for changes that could not be proposed. Leah stated that the hearing is for informational purposes. Bea expressed concern that the list of special ways did not appear in the article. She said she

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was afraid this might cause the list to be eliminated. Ginny read the introduction to the amendment which states that “this article adds, deletes, or revises only the substantive text”.

Harriet stated that with the lengthy time frame that the Byways Committee had to make their changes to the bylaw, she was not certain that this draft was the final draft. She said there was some confusion regarding which draft Town Counsel signed off on.

Jo Ann stated that she had sent an email to Jane that contained the MVC’s hearing decision and vote. She said the article requires a 2/3rds vote and it does not need to go to the Attorney Generals’ office. She said that everything in the amendment is the same, it is simply more user friendly. Rez asked if it should be amended on Town Meeting floor and Jo Ann said it was best not to do so. He said his recent proposal to add language regarding vegetation was important. Jo Ann said that adding the language makes the article different in its substance so it would require another review from the MVC.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the article and close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Rez stated that Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation is pushing to link several pathways. He said he was concerned it could cause problems. Katie Upson said they have been trying to designate Manter’s Path as a special way. Jane pointed out that, according to Town Counsel, the legal case could potentially re-surface so adding new ways at this time is not in the towns best interest.

Harriet mentioned that the Graham property has recently sold and she has been working with Bill Veno to designate a special way on the south east corner of the property. She said they attempted to make a deal at the time of the closing but it never happened. She asked if the Planning Board would consider reviving it. Bea asked Harriet to come in with a plan and then the board could make a request.

The board complimented Cynthia Aguilar on the photo display she gave to the Planning Board. A discussion ensued regarding possibly digitalizing the old photos and then having the collection properly framed to be displayed in the Town Hall.

Harriet informed the board that the documentary “One Big Home” will be shown at 3:00 pm on Saturday.

•Review of two Zoning Board of Appeals applications as is required under Section 9.2-1D of the zoning bylaws:

- Lambert’s Cove Inn: Proposal to install a bar with 9 seats in the foyer of the Inn.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to render no opinion and allow the ZBA to make their own determinations. The vote was unanimous.

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- Louise Sweet to replace a shed with an 18 by 20 foot studio for the purpose of making floral arrangements to be sold off premises. The plan includes a studio sink.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to render no opinion and allow the ZBA to make their own determinations. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES:

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Porter Thompson requesting a change in the Solar Panels section of the zoning bylaws.

The board requested that Jane draft a letter to Mr. Porter suggesting he appear before the board with his suggestions. She was asked to send a copy of the letter to the ZBA.

- Letter from Kirk Safford and Kristine Scheffer RE: Illegal curb cut on Old County Road: Jane was asked to draft a response letter and give a copy to ZBA, Assessor's and Joe Tierney a copy of Kirk and Kristine's letter and attached documents.

- Chatham zoning bylaw amendments on housing. Ginny informed the board that she requested a copy of the proposed changes because she felt they would be beneficial to the board when they revisit proposing changes to the bylaws. Jane was asked to send a copy to the board members.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

Approved on April 1, 2019