

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES July 15, 2019

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Bea Phear, Matt Merry, Henry Geller.

ABSENT: Leah Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Rossi

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:35 pm.

DISCUSSION:

●Cottrell plan changes:

Ginny said that Joe Tierney assured Jane that the size of the guest house above Chris Cottrell's garage is under 1000 square feet. Jane explained that Chris will appear before the ZBA with change of use application since the original house is being converted into a garage/studio. He will also apply for a permit to allow for the garage/studio to be located in front of the main house because the original house was too fragile to relocate it.

●Response from Town Counsel:

Henry stated that Attorney Rappaport's response to the elimination of a lot line is to simply apply for an ANR for board review, or to hire a surveyor to record the document without review. The review appears to not be required.

●Address Assignment:

Jane informed the board that Kevin Nagle told her that the Assessors have his property address listed as 26 Nats Farm Lane. However, he has always used 30 Nats Farm Lane so he wants to change his address to 30.

Bea moved and Henry seconded the motion to approve the address change. The vote was unanimous.

●Housing Production Plan Approval letter:

Bea stated that in September, she and Henry will re-introduce proposed changes to the Multi-Family Housing bylaw. She said they need to get names of people that can be involved in the process. Ted Jochsberger and Peter Temple were mentioned. Jane was asked to contact Peter. Bea went on to say that they will hold a public meeting in October to allow for people to weigh in. She said it was decided that the language regarding second story apartments in the MB District should not be revised. Ginny pointed out that the HPP consultants feel that affordable housing units should be allowed by right. Matt said neighbors would not like that.

MINUTES:

Bea moved and Matt seconded the motion to approve the July 1, 2019 minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

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●Split rail fence on Music Street at the Feiner property:

Ginny said that she had just driven past the Feiner house and one of the rails was back on the fence that blocked access to the rear of the property. She said that on a temporary basis, using the access isn't a problem.

●Town Cove:

Ginny reported that at the last Shellfish Committee meeting, the committee asked that the Selectmen open the Great Pond for shell fishing purposes. She said that the oysters in the Town Cove are almost 100% dead from boring sponge disease. There are too many stresses at one time in the cove. The Selectmen have hired Will Reich to work as the Great Pond Warden up to 18 hours per week. He will be responsible for overseeing all the oysters that are being grown. There are also blue claw crabs and clams.

Ginny informed the board that she had attended a lecture by Jessie Osbell regarding DNA testing in sample water. She said it is now possible to find out what species are in the water for up to about 40 hours at a time. She explained that Jessie wants to set something up on the island where school aged children can participate.

●Letter to Mr. Ziff and Mr. Roberts regarding a walking path:

Bea said that granting a path as a special way does not mean it has public access. Matt said that he had recently graded the road into the property and the owners are so private that they may not agree to an easement to the town for walking purposes. Bea said she will work on incorporating Harriet and Ginny's letters.

●Report from Bea on CPC applications:

Bea reported that the Community Preservation Committee will be accepting applications for funding in September. She informed the board that they have 100 k available for historic use. Matt asked about painting the old police station. Bea said that may not be allowed because CPC money cannot be used for maintenance. Jane was asked to check with Heidi to see what purposes money has been granted for.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 pm

Approved on 7/29/19

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Rossi, Administrator