

## WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES July 20, 2020

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

**ABSENT:** Amy Upton

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jane Rossi.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **●Request for the removal of a tree on Old County Road:**

Jane explained that the request to remove the tree came from Andrew Woodruff, resident of Bourne Lane. The tree is obstructing a clear view of oncoming traffic on Old County Road when exiting Bourne Lane. Jane said the tree isn't very big; however the removal will create a clear and safe view. The board determined that the tree removal would not require a public hearing due to the safety issue.

*Bea made a motion to request that the Tree Warden remove the tree and Leah seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Bea-yes, Leah-yes, Matt-yes*

#### **●Request for a zoning bylaw amendment to allow Habitat for Humanity to scout houses prior to demolition:**

Jane explained that the request for the bylaw amendment did not come at the request of the Board of Selectmen, but rather, from the Town Administrator. Bea stated that she had an issue with naming one non-profit entity specifically in a zoning bylaw. Matt stated that opening up to other entities could be a liability issue. He also pointed out that Island Housing Trust doesn't tend to use second-hand materials for their projects so they probably wouldn't be interested. Henry agreed, stating that it is not a good idea to favor one over the rest. Bea said there is no language that speaks mentions fixtures. Henry suggested some language stating that interested parties may remove items at the discretion of the Building Inspector. Matt suggested the board may be opening up a "can of worms."

Jane was asked to check with other town to see what their bylaws allow.

#### **●Request from Farley Pedler to possibly amend the zoning bylaws to reflect the width of walls on energy efficient structures:**

Ginny stated that she was not comfortable getting into technical language that the Building Inspector is qualified to interpret. Matt said he had spoken with Farley. They discussed the thickness of walls on the most energy efficient houses. Farley is concerned that the width is decreasing the allowable size of a habitable space because walls are measured from the exterior of the structure. Matt said efficiency should be considered when creating that type of structure. Bea suggested that Joe and Farley address the issue together and come up with adequate language for the bylaw. Matt said he would contact Joe and Farley for a discussion.

#### **●State Forest:**

Ginny explained that there are no new developments regarding the State Forest at this time.

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**●Shared Use Path Intersection at Barnes and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road:**

Henry said that the bicycles attempting to cross Barnes Road are blind to traffic due to the overgrowth of shrubbery covering the corner of the path. Jane mentioned that the Complete Streets Committee had discussed this during their recent meeting. Jane said she would contact Bill Veno to get the area cleared for safety purposes.

**●Old Courthouse Road affordable housing duplex Decision:**

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the decision. Phear-yes, Smith-yes. Jones-yes, Merry-yes, Geller-yes.

**●MINUTES:**

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the June 29, 2020 minutes. Phear-yes, Smith-yes, Jones-yes, Geller-yes, Merry-yes.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the July 6, 2020 minutes Jones-yes, Phear-yes, Smith-yes, Merry-yes, Geller-yes.

**●Associate Member:**

It was suggested that Ginny contact Amy Upton to see if she is still interested in continuing as the Associate Member to the board. The board understood that Amy is currently busy with her Corona Virus mask project. Ginny said she will reach out to Amy.

Adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

**Approved on August 3, 2020 Jones-yes, Phear-yes, Smith-yes,  
Merry-yes, Geller-yes**