

## **WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES January 14, 2019 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Ginny Jones, Bea Phear, Leah Smith, Susan Silva, Matt Merry.

**ABSENT:** Henry Geller.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jane Rossi

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **Airport Expansion proposal:**

Ginny informed the board that the date for a public forum conducted by the Airport Commission has been changed to January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 in the airport conference room. She said that the comments under the recent article in the MV Times were all against the proposed renovation project. Bea said that we have not studied this, and she feels there is no need to expand. Leah read the statistics that were listed in the paper and said they are confusing; the take-offs and landings should be listed according to commercial and private flights. Bea said that the Island Plan should have something to say about such a project. She suggested that they could expand the outer waiting area by enclosing it and adding lavatories and vending machines. Matt said the plan seems to be more of a wish list than a need.

Leah asked if the board should draft a letter to the Airport Commission. Bea said it would be better to address the Martha's Vineyard Commission because we feel they make a statement.

Bea suggested that the letter should state that we understand the need for some of what the airport proposes, but not all of it. Matt concurred. Ginny said there is no need to provide hangars for private planes.

*Jane said she would draft the letter.*

#### **Warrant Articles for 2019 Town Meeting:**

Bea informed the board that she had spoken with Henry earlier in the day and they would rather not propose amendments to the Housing section of the zoning bylaws at this time. Jane said that the ZBA was feeling confused about how best to implement amendments so the language is clear. Bea said that she and Henry felt it best to reach out to the community with public meetings prior to acting on amendments.

The Warrant Articles that will be finalized by the board at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting are as follows:

- Special Ways revisions
- Native plantings in special ways zones by special permit.
- Section 8.4-4 RE: corrected language
- Pool bylaw revisions.

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### **Coffin:**

Leah suggested that Jane attach a copy of Jay Theise's plan to the minutes of the last meeting. Matt stated that the board has "missed the boat" and there is a problem with roads running through lots. Jane was asked to put together a check list for Form A applications including the need to count roads in lots as taking away from a lot. She also mentioned that Jay Theise volunteered to speak to the board about derelict fee lots. She also pointed out that Myron Garfinkle volunteered to come in to discuss the airport. Matt said that the Cummins proposed plan proposes to enter and exit the property through a 3 acre lot that the owner has purchased on Old Courthouse Road. That lot will be reduced in size if there is a 40 foot wide road on it. We need to keep that in mind when the plan is before the board.

### **Lambert's Cove Inn:**

Ginny said that the board needs to consider the proposal to build several detached bedrooms on the Lambert, Cove Inn property. The owner states in an article that traffic will not be increased. There are currently 12 rental rooms and a restaurant on the property. The septic must be close to capacity. Jane was asked to consult the ZBA on any septic plans or discussion regarding the application.

### **Address assignment:**

Jane informed the board that Abigail and Ken Bailey have requested an address for their Accessory apartment. Ken informed Jane that Eversource requires an address for each building that has its own utility line. The board was not in favor of assigning a second address to a single property through the E-911 process. The Baileys cannot have two addresses for one lot.

### **Unpermitted second curb cut:**

Jane informed the board that Mass DOT contacted Joe Tierney regarding an unpermitted second curb cut on State Road. Matt said he knows the property owner and will speak with him about it. Apparently the cut is there so that a board can be stored on the property. Jane was asked to inform Joe and to have him respond to Mass DOT.

### **Report from Ginny on the Shellfish Committee:**

Ginny reported that it has been recommended the Shellfish Committee hire a Shellfish Officer for at least six months per year, forty hours. They are planning on drafting a warrant article for funding equipment, tanks, cages, etc. There is algae growth in Homers Pond and Edgartown Great Pond. Isaiah Scheffer has been very helpful and part of the Great Pond is on the Chilmark side. The Great Pond is currently closed for commercial shell fishing but sometimes opens for family shell fishing.

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There are five new big houses planned or under construction on the Great Pond. They would like to start an education program to educate new pond front owners of how fragile the pond is. The Riparian owners have always paid for the pond openings.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

**Approved on January 28, 2019**