

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES January 13, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Rossi.

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30.

DISCUSSION:

Report from Ginny on the Trustees of Reservations:

Ginny pointed out that the parking area at Long Point Beach has obviously grown despite a written agreement with the town. She said she that she, Bruce and Jen did some research. Bruce found a copy of the agreement and came up with some valuable information. A signed agreement has not been found. The parking lot has been growing without permission. Leah pointed out that the beach was the town's South Beach until 1989. Ginny said Bill Venio sent aerial photos of the beach as it has appeared over the years. Ginny also reported that the Great Pond is open.

Jane said she would ask the B&Z Inspector about the house on the DeBloise property near the Hadley property. She was also asked to find out if the TTOR's applied for a building permit to build the Gatehouse.

Proposed zoning bylaw amendments:

Bea pointed out that the AHC commented on the proposed bylaw amendments under Housing. She said that everything with a line through it is stricken and everything in red is what the AHC suggests. She said they want to change the title "Subordinate Dwelling" to "Guest House". The Planning Board felt it best to keep the term "subordinate dwelling". On second story apartments the AHC wants them to be identified as "affordable" and the PB is fine with that. Bea pointed out that the board needs to come up with a definition for "year-round". Jane said she would look into finding the appropriate definition. Jane was asked to call James Langel at the MV Land Bank to get the appropriate language amendment to section 5.5-2 of the zoning bylaws. She was also asked to find out who is responsible for amending a town bylaw.

Plum Bush Point Road:

Jane said that Joe Tierney expressed his concern that Plumb Bush Point Road is labeled on two different roads. She showed the locations on a map. Jane was asked to check with the Assessor's office to find out when and how it was named.

Title for the new PB subcommittee:

Jane informed the board that the newly formed "big house" sub-committee has chosen to name their committee "Preserve West Tisbury".

Climate Change Committee:

Ginny reported that the committee has discussed their list of priorities: food, fire, etc... She said a major concern of hers is a forest fire in the summer. She was afraid people wouldn't know where to go, and there isn't a plan in place that would guide people out of harm's way. She mentioned that there is information on a "Code Red" alert that can be found on the front page of the town website that people can

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sign up to receive. It was suggested that this information be mentioned at town meeting, or perhaps there could be a tear-out page in the town report. She said the alert was for potential disasters such as tornado, flash flood and fires. Jane said she would work on a list of locations where water sources are located for fires that include Red Farm, Checama Vineyards Road, each fire station, the WT School, Skiff's Lane, Focus and Keen's Pit.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

Approved on February 10, 2020