

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES November 4, 2019

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

ABSENT: Henry Geller

ALSO PRESENT: Seth Vincent Maciel, Heather Maciel, Elizabeth Kaeka, Dwight Kaeka, Hannah Kaeka Scott, Cathleen Jasper, Daryl K. Kaeka, Keith Maciel, Jane Rossi.

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30.

●Public Hearing for a special permit from Cathleen Jasper to re-name Vincent Road to Misty Hollow under Section 9.2 of the zoning bylaws:

Ginny opened the public hearing and read the hearing notice. Cathleen Jasper explained that Vincent Road is actually a paper road, and the road itself is actually her driveway. She said the couple that lives at 5 Vincent Road is only on the island a few weeks out of the year and Sheriff's Meadow owns the other two lots that are on Vincent Road. The lots are fields so they don't generate any traffic.

Amy Upton asked Cathleen if her ex-husband was in favor of the name change. Cathleen said that although she hadn't spoken with Ken directly, her neighbor had and she was informed that he was ok with the change. Leah said that Misty Hollow and Misty Meadow are very similar names and Jane confirmed that she had asked the Fire Chief if the two names would be confusing. The Chief said it would be fine as long as there was a sign at the beginning of the road. Cathleen pointed out that there are several roads with the name Vincent on the island. Amy asked why the name Misty Hollow was chosen and she said her son came up with the name.

Vinny Maciel pointed out that the road is part of a 7 parcel subdivision and even though he does not use Vincent Road, he does have deeded access to it. He explained that the land that Cathleen and Kenneth owned was owned by Kenneth's parents. They each cut off a lot so that their children, Kenneth and Nancy would each have a lot. He pointed out that each property listed on the subdivision should have been included in the hearing notice. He said that Cathleen did contact him about the name change request. He felt that his lot should have been listed in the notification in the paper. Cathleen said that several years ago Sheriff's Meadow Foundation wanted to get access to one of their fields. They spent a lot of money but a group of us in the neighborhood did not want that to happen, When researching who has access to Vincent Road she didn't see that Vinnie or Rick Anderson had access. Heather said that she could show Cathleen the original subdivision plan.

Ginny stated that she had been speaking with various people in that area asking how they felt about the name change. The consensus was that road names are established by custom, by history or by whim. Changing the name of a road raised issues. Bea asked the people in the room if they had a personal connection to the name "Vincent" and everyone said they did. Hannah Scott explained that her family, the Kaeka's are the original Vincent's. She said the road name is something that they can hold on to. Her brother Daryl said that the Kaeka's, through their mother, want to stay true to the family wishes. Bea asked what the motivation is behind the name change. Cathleen said the reasons were personal and that she didn't want to share. Bea said that reply was not very helpful to her. Hannah Kaeka said her great grandfather's family were the original Vincent's. She said their great, great grandfather, Jared Vincent acquired 49 acres of land which over the years was chopped up and sold. However, she said they are very proud of the Vincent name and don't want to see it lost. She said that her

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aunt named Vinny Maciel “Vincent” and Vinnie and Heather named their son “Jared” after his great, great grandfather. Cathleen said that the name of the driveway has only been in existence for 11 years. Cathleen said she was not trying to get rid of the Vincent name. She explained that when she and her husband divorced, he wanted to sell the property so she bought him out. She explained that the cottage that her ex-husband’s grandfather Chester used to live in is on her property and she rents it on Air B&B. She said it is called “Chester’s Cottage” and there is a little biography in the cottage for tenants to read.

“There is nothing about what I am doing that is specifically trying to target the Vincents”. It would be more comfortable for my family to live on the road if the name were changed. She said the name of the road is not as important as the heritage of the Vincents. She reiterated that it is not a road, it is a driveway. Leah asked if some of the existing lots might eventually use this road/driveway. Vinnie said they would likely use Blackthorn Road.

Vinnie Maciel said that he is against the name change and he is also not in favor of the process. He said he felt this should be decided at town meeting. Cathleen said that might matter more for a highly travelled way. She said her road is basically only used by her. He said that the current planning board does a great job but it won’t be around forever. Hopefully people who care about the town will be on the board in the future.

Hannah said that it may not be a road, however, the property was once one huge piece of property and it was a farm and it was called Jericho.

Bea made a motion to deny the request and Leah seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Leah moved and Bea seconded the motion to close the public hearing, the vote was unanimous.

Cathleen asked what the appeals process was and Bea informed her that she could petition to have a warrant article on town meeting floor. Jane thought that she could appeal the decision to the ZBA. Ginny said the board would look into it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Approval letter to the B&Z Inspector RE: Fisher Form A Homesite lots:

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve and sign the letter. The vote was unanimous.

- Approval letter to The B&Z Inspector RE: Daniels craft workshop/studio with a slop sink:

Ginny said she revised the letter a bit to stress that this was a non-habitable structure.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve and sign the letter. The vote was unanimous.

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DISCUSSION:

•Tisbury Great Pond

Ginny reported that Maria McFarland had sent her clarification regarding the interpretation of the test results. She said the pond is still open for use by state standard but it is closed by the town. She said that if the state chooses to close it, it will have to test better in order to be re-opened.

•Citizen Planner Workshops:

The board determined that they would like the MVC to hold workshops on Community Planning, Rules and Regulations and 40 B's. Jane will send the request to Bill Veno.

•CPC funding:

Bea informed Amy that some of the CPC funds go to affordable housing projects in other towns. Jane was asked to get the list of projects from Heidi.

•Report from Matt on the Housing Bank Committee:

Matt said he attended the first meeting and stated that funding was going to be an issue.

MINUTES:

October 21, 2019:

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

October 28, 2019:

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

October 30, 2019:

Bea moved and Matt seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting the board had with the Selectmen. The vote was unanimous with one abstention from Ginny.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator