

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES March 30, 2020

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

ABSENT: Ginny Jones, Amy Upton.

ALSO PRESENT: Lori Ionntiu, Jane Rossi

Some Board members were unable to attend the meeting due to complications connecting remotely.

Leah opened the meeting at 5:30.

DISCUSSION:

●Letter to the Selectmen RE: Trustees of Reservations:

The board determined that the discussion should be tabled until the board can meet as a group physically and in its entirety. Lori Ionntiu said that she was present for the discussion, and would discuss it with Jane once the town hall is opened for business.

Bea moved and Henry seconded the motion to table the discussion. The vote was unanimous.

A discussion ensued regarding the condition of Scrubby Neck Road at the winter entrance. Henry said the traffic has increased so much that a second road is being created. He wondered what could be done about it. Leah agreed that it is a mess due to excessive traffic.

For further discussion when the board meets in person.

●Needed space for a fire truck “turn-around” on the Barron-Murphy property in the Village District:

Matt reported that he had spoken with Chris Alley, Tony Cordray and Manny Estrella. He said the Barron-Murphy’s had given permission to the town to access the pump station located at the pond on their property. However, they prefer to have the town work out the logistics since the easement on the property belongs to the town. Matt said that Manny confirmed four trees would have to be removed to create the appropriate space for fire trucks and equipment. Jane said she would discuss the situation with Jen Rand to confirm that the Town and the Conservation Commission will allow the tree removal within the easement.

●Detached bedroom rental:

Jane had received a copy of an advertisement for a rental in West Tisbury displaying a detached bedroom being rented as an apartment. Matt confirmed that it is rented year-round and the owner doesn’t occupy the property. Bea said the town should be acting on the new state law regarding the taxation of rental units and they should be monitored. She suggested the board recommend the Selectmen form a committee to develop a policy regarding regulations and monitoring. Jane mentioned that she had a discussion with a woman from Host Compliance regarding monitoring short term rentals and she will forward the proposal to the board.

●Letter from the B&Z Inspector RE: Cottrell stop work order:

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It was mentioned that the work on the property continues regardless of the stop work order. The house on the property that is listed as historical has been renovated and expanded. Jane was asked to contact the B7Z Inspector as well as Bill Veno from the Martha's Vineyard Commission to point out the ongoing construction.

- 7 Public hearing Notices from the Town of Edgartown:

MINUTES:

- Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the March 9, 2020 Minutes. The vote was unanimous with an abstention from Matt.

- The March 23, 2020 minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator