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PRESENT Ginny Jones, Leah Smith, John Rau.

ABSENT: Heikki Soikkeli, Matt Merry, Amy Upton.

ALSO PRESENT: *(Names as they appeared on the Zoom screen)*

Katy Upson, Mike Fletcher, Cynthia Aguilar, Candy Webster, and Jane Rossi.

Leah opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

●Site Plan Review application from Mike Fletcher on behalf of Andrew and Julie Doyle to construct an addition to a house increasing the size over 3000 square feet on Map 7, Lot 141, 6 Four Way:

Mike Fletcher explained that the lot size is 1.8 acres and the proposal is to add 1088 square feet to the existing structure by adding a master bedroom wing which will increase the house size to 3480 square feet. There will be 5 total bedrooms and a new septic system. The additional bedroom will be located on the first floor for easier access for aging owners.

Ginny moved and John seconded the motion in favor of the increase. Ginny-yes, John-yes, Leah-yes.

Mike Fletcher was asked to confirm the location of the easement to allow access to the property from Longview/ Four Way Road.

●E-911 Address Assignment:

Ginny moved and John seconded the motion to approve the assignment of 10 Hanger Road South, Building G at the Martha's Vineyard Airport. Ginny-yes, John, yes, Leah-yes.

DISCUSSION:

●Byways Committee Status:

Katy Upson said she is the only remaining member of the Byways Committee that has been appointed and sworn in. She has been on the committee for several years and they have not been able to get anything accomplished. She asked the board if they should just focus on trails for now and make the committee unofficial. Leah said the Byways Committee oversees the Special Ways which have specific regulation within the zoning bylaws. She said the goal is to keep the ways protected, and if pathways are simply identified, there is no way to protect the use. She pointed out that a garage has been constructed across a very old special way, causing the way to require relocation. Leah mentioned the Complete Streets Committee and suggested the two committees coordinate their efforts

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Ginny stated that the Byways Committee has always been valuable. She explained that the litigation is ongoing which has stalled designating new special ways. However, that isn't the only task the committee is in charge of. The ways continue to need to be monitored regarding use, and the town also has special places they should be considered. She pointed out that the Visioning Study may produce new ideas. She said she felt the committee was needed.

Katy said the committee doesn't have a focus or a quorum and there is no direction. The traffic and disruption on Red Coat Hill continue to be an ongoing issue for the abutters and they are very upset. Jane mentioned that Amy Upton had recently informed the board that Tisbury is working on forming a working group to coordinate a joint meeting.

Katy said she will send the unapproved Byways Committee minutes to Jane for posting. Leah suggested Katy ask the walkers along various special ways and walking trails if they would be interested in joining the Byways Committee. Leah said Jane will ask the Complete Streets Committee what their suggestions may be, and she added that it is a good idea to continue to maintain existing ways as well as to designate additional special ways.

- Jane was asked to add PFAS testing to the application checklist.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Rossi, Board Administrator.

Approved on May 15, 2023 Jones-yes, Smith-yes, Rau-

yes