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PRESENT: Alexandra Pratt, Peter Cook, Arielle Faria, Leah Smith, Jane Rossi, Sue Hurby, Maribeth Macaissa, Ollie Becker, Beth Kramer, Caroline Mayhew, Bethany Hammond, Ethan Valenti, Bea Phear, Samantha Look, Harriet Bernstein.

Leah opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

MINUTES:

Beth Kramer made a motion to approve the October 3, 2023 minutes and Alexandra Pratt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION:

●Update on the Survey:

Beth said she thought she sent out the survey for review but it had not been received. She felt the survey was extensive and would need to be scaled down a bit. However, she wanted the committee to review it prior to discussion. She suggested they wait until the next meeting for the discussion. Leah suggested the committee ask Delia Clark if the survey should be mailed to town residents and property owners before or after the event. The committee will ask her when she is present for a discussion.

Beth said the committee had looked at a couple of other towns that tied into points Delia wanted them to cover such as town government, town social setting, demographics, etc. They will shorten the survey and will use Survey Monkey. There is a lot to it and we want committee input. Sue Hruby said she would send information to Beth regarding climate and energy, which she felt might be useful for the survey. She will send Beth some information. She added that the island will be inundated with the impacts of climate change and we would not be serving the community if we didn't ask question regarding what our priorities are. She asked Beth to have her committee look at her paperwork and ask her any questions.

●Statistics Update:

Leah said there will be a handout at town meeting that will be held in April which is just prior to the Visioning event. just prior to the Visioning event. She, Alexandra and Susie Wasserman have met and discussed their strategy. She explained that West Tisbury has grown very fast and she shared some statistics. Population and percent of year round residents, housing stock and age distribution will be a part of the statistics. Affordable Housing distribution and mapping will be included. They will provide maps and Jane added that interactive maps are being created so anything that should be included should be brought to Jane's attention. Alexandra explained how

●Youth Involvement:

Alexandra said she wants to talk with Delia Clark and Laura Silber to discuss how best to reach the younger people. Maribeth added that they have reached out to the Charter School and the High School but haven't received much feedback from the students yet.

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●Event Details:

Leah said the date for the event looks like it will be April 26th and 27th as the best weekend. She asked everyone to keep those dates in mind. She asked everyone to speak up if the dates conflict with any other events. She said the school is still the place of interest to hold the event and Jane added that she had reached out to the principal who confirmed that it is still available. However, we should book the space once the dates are firm. Leah said the school is the best location since we will need a central room and other spaces for break-out groups.

●Meeting Time:

Jane suggested placing something in the town column to generate some more participation. She pointed out that the time the committee is meeting is not popular so we may need to change it. She asked if people would consider meeting in the morning or at lunch time. Sue Hruby suggested 8:30 am which she felt works well. Jane will send around a doodle chart with various times.

●Budget:

Leah said the budget is limited. Alexandra may know of some grant possibilities. Mailing is expensive. Sue Hruby suggested the survey go out with the street census in January. They committee determined that would be the best option. However, Jane would confirm that with the town Clerk. Beth said the survey shouldn't be more than two pages so it shouldn't be difficult to fill out.

●Leah said we will need to designated individuals to be in charge of food and such for the actual event. Jane asked if she should advertise further than the town column in the MV Times. Bea suggested a save-the-date item on the town website. The library will post something on their website. Leah suggested waiting until after the holidays to really spread the word about the event. Harriett asked if we should pass something out at special town meeting. Leah said making an announcement would be a good idea.

Next meeting will be held on November 7th at 5:00.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Rossi, Planning Board Administrator. **Approved on April 2, 2024 Smith-yes, Hruby-yes, Macaisa-yes, Phear-yes,**

