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PRESENT: Leah Smith, Bea Phear, Sue Hruby, Nancy Hoffman, Alexandra Pratt, Nichola Blake, Ollie Becker, Beth Kramer, Dan Waters, Caroline Mayhew, Samantha Look, Ginny Jones, Ethan Bucannan-Valenti, Arielle Faria, Jeffrey DuBard, Jane Rossi.

Leah opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

DISCUSSION:

Delia Clark, Consultant to the Visioning Committee joined the meeting for a question and answer session regarding the event to be held in April, 2024.

Delia suggested that she would not suggest a survey before or after the Visioning event. She said participants should feel there is a “level playing field”, and all are a part of the outcome. The topics for discussion will come from those present at the 2 day event and not before. So, rather than creating an agenda, the agenda will develop during the time spent in groups and as a whole at the event.

Delia said the committee should be gathering data to be presented at the event. A pot luck dinner for the first night (Friday) should be planned along with stories about the earlier days of West Tisbury. She suggested using food to survey

the community. She gave an example that one town she had worked with had the children perform a play about their town and it was a success. Ginny suggested displaying the 1850's map of West Tisbury.

Delia went on to explain that there will be a small group training session on Thursday, April 25th. Leah explained that the event will be held at the West Tisbury School on April 26th and 27th, the cafeteria and middle school wing will be utilized for people to use when breaking into groups. The first night should be filled with fun facts about the town, maps with pictures, etc.

Delia said the event will need 12 easels with paper, 20 small group facilitators, an agenda, a program, food/paper products and silverware, a registration table, name tags, promotional invitations, a site logistics person, transportation for those who

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need it, child care, a liaison with local officials and a list of 10 topics. Some suggestions were Climate, Healthy Community, Housing Adequacy.

Equality needs to shine brightly! The group facilitators need to have an open mind and refrain from stating their opinion. People work together and then break into groups. The goal is “Vision to Action”.

Topics to think about:

- Leah asked “Perhaps a Village Center Committee could be formed from the Visioning event.
- Bea suggested the town may want an art center or a community center.
- It was suggested that the town may want a movie theatre.

Delia said the information gathered from the event will be captured in notes and the next steps will stem from there. The committee will meet again after the event.

For now, the committee needs to work on gathering volunteers to fill various positions on event weekend.

Next meeting will be held on December 12th at 5:00 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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