

WEST TISBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 12 2018

Present: John Brannen, Prudy Burt, Whit Griswold, Binnie Ravitch, Peter Rodegast, and Tara Whiting

Absent: Michael Turnell

Staff Present: Maria McFarland

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. Tara Whiting, Chairman presiding.

Administrative:

The purpose of this meeting was to allow board members to discuss meeting procedures and protocol and to discuss how to be better prepared for meetings.

It was generally agreed that during meetings, members need to review projects in terms of compliance with the performance standards under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw in order to better explain to applicants why a proposal does not comply and how it can be revised so that the board can approve projects in a more consistent and expedient manner.

The board also discussed the need for written regulations covering view channels/vista pruning within a wetland and in the Buffer Zone so that the board has a set of standard criteria that applicants can easily understand and comply with. Maria circulated examples of these types of regulations from the Towns of Barnstable, Edgartown, Mashpee Oak Bluffs and Yarmouth. Members will review these materials so that this can be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED