

**W. T. PLANNING BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 3, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** David Douglas, Ginny Jones, Susan Silva, Jim Powell, Leah Smith, Eileen Maley

**ALSO PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:** Ann Basset, Harriet Bernstein, Simone DeSorcy

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the 6/29/09, 7/13/09, and 7/27 meetings were approved as written.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Out:** MVC re. Fischer Referral  
Byways Committee re. Shubael Weeks Path

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Taxpayer Meeting:** David said he would attend the meeting if he is on the island

**Cell Tower Bylaw:** Board members reviewed the memo from Kreines & Kreines describing their services and prices to review and update the cell tower bylaw. Susan asked whether we could do it ourselves. There was a discussion that we do not have the technical expertise to analyze and rewrite the section. Jim made a motion to contract with Kreines for \$1,500 to review the bylaw; all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Byways Committee:** Ann Basset and Harriet Bernstein from the Byways Committee said that they would like to file a DCPC for Pine Hill Path in the next couple of weeks. They plan to meet with all the abutters. Ginny noted that it is already a designated Scenic Road. She said that when updating their brochure, the term “ancient way” should be removed because it has no legal validity. Ann Basset said they were aware of that, and only use the term in the vernacular. David said it shouldn’t be used at all. Ginny said it confuses people.

David said the Board would need a formal proposal/description. Leah said a map should be included. David said that the Selectmen and Planning Board did a joint referral last year for the DCPCs. Ann Basset said that the Committee is also looking at Red Coat Road, Motts Hill, and Shubael Weeks. Eileen suggested working with the Tisbury Byways Committee on these roads, as they also pass through that town. David said it was good to see these things being addressed.

It was discussed that the new owners of the Humphreys property are allowing, for a one-year trial period, a path across their property connecting Rogers Path and Old Courthouse Road. The Board directed Simone to draft a letter thanking them for their generosity and public spirit.

**Ponds in Peril:** Susan reported on the Ponds in Peril meeting. She said that the presenter recommended public sewer systems.

**Executive Session:** Susan made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to not reconvene in regular session; all in favor (via roll call vote).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Simone DeSorcy, administrator

**Approved 8/17/09**