

W. T. PLANNING BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 15, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Susan Silva, David Douglas, Leah Smith, Bea Phear

ABSENT: Jim Powell

ALSO PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING: Leo DeSorcy, Simone DeSorcy

MINUTES

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting were approved as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

In: Mark Lanza re. Harrowby lawsuit
Town Administrator re. Comcast

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Leo DeSorcy, DeSorcy Contracting, New Storage Shed, M8 L18:

Simone stated for the record that she is Leo's sister. Leo showed sketches for a new 950 sq. ft. storage shed he would like to build on this 13.9-acre lot. The construction company is a pre-existing non-conforming use. The shed would be used to house lumber, insulation, and other materials he stockpiles. He would not need to cut any trees to build it. It will not be visible from State Road. It would, however, require a special permit from the Planning Board because it is within the Greenlands Water Resource Protection District. Bea asked whether there would be electricity; Leo said perhaps in the future, but not immediately. The MVC checklist was reviewed; because it is under 1,000 sq. ft. it would not need to be referred. Leah said it seems like an innocuous proposal with minimal impact, and said she would support Leo's going forward with the process; other Board members agreed.

Comcast: The Board discussed the letter from the Town Administrator asking for a letter in support of increased funds for public access television. The island towns are currently negotiating with Comcast. Bea and Leah both said that public access is important. The Board directed Simone to write a letter.

OLD BUSINESS

Right-to-Farm Bylaw, M.V. Agricultural Commission: There was a discussion about the change in state law 40A allowing agriculture by-right on lots of two acres or more; previously it was allowed by right on lots of five acres or more. West Tisbury is not impacted because agriculture is allowed by-right on any size lot

Regarding the Right-to-Farm Bylaw, Bea wondered whether the Island would be more eligible for funding if all the towns were united in adopting it. She said that just because it feels good is an insufficient reason to adopt it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Simone DeSorcy, administrator **APPROVED 1/3/11**