

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2011

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Susan Silva, Leah Smith, Jim Powell, Bea Phear

ABSENT: David Douglas

OTHERS: Leo DeSorcy, Tucker Hubbel, Beth Kramer, Linda Hearn, Paul Levine, Cynthia Aguilar, Nina Meyer, Ashley Hunter, Rez Williams, Simone DeSorcy

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 3, 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

In: Edgartown Planning Board re. Zoning Bylaw Public Hearing;
Bill Venno, MVC re. Special Ways;
Bill Venno, MVC re. DRI Checklist, Wind Turbine Regs., Island Planning Bds.;
ZBA re. Big Sky Decision.

Out: Byways Committee re. Brochure;
Brian Roberts re. Simon Athearn Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing: DeSorcy Contracting Special Permit, Map 8 Lot 18: Ginny read the public hearing notice and opened the hearing for a 950 sq. ft. storage shed. Simone stated that she is the daughter/sister of the applicants. This structure needs a special permit because it is within the Greenlands Protection District. Board members reviewed the plans for the structure that will be used to store construction materials. Leah made a motion to approve the special permit without conditions. Jim seconded the motion; all in favor.

Library Building Committee, Parking Waiver: Ginny and Leah identified themselves as Library Board Trustee, and Building Committee Chair, respectively. Both said they felt they didn't have a conflict of interest acting on this matter as neither would gain financially or otherwise by the approval/denial of this request.

Tucker Hubbel, Building Committee member, read a letter describing why the Committee was requesting a waiver of six spaces. Section 8.2-1 of the Zoning Bylaw allows for such a waiver within the VR District. He noted that the Committee was not asking at this time that the draft parking plan be approved.

Susan made a motion, seconded by Jim, to waive the parking requirement by six spaces. It was discussed that there is a history of shared parking in the neighborhood, and that there are several on-street parking spaces, and that many walk and/or ride bikes to the town center. Bea said that the waiver was completely appropriate. The Board directed Simone to draft a letter to the MA Board of Library Commissioners informing them of the waiver. The motion was approved unanimously. Susan asked that this be noted in the letter to the State.

Site Visit, Chris Morse, M7 Lot 15: Board members discussed the site visit they took to the Morse property on James Pond to determine whether it was in a wooded or open landscape per Section 6.1-6 of the Zoning Bylaw. They looked at photos that Mr. Morse had taken from a canoe on the pond. Susan made a motion to determine that the site is a wooded landscape; Leah seconded the motion. Ginny asked that the Morses be cautioned not to cut so many trees during construction that the site becomes an open landscape. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued Public Hearing: Special Ways Zoning Bylaw Change: Ginny reopened the public hearing, noting that only the written record had been left open since the December 13 meeting. One piece of correspondence was received from MVC Senior Planner Bill Veno, clarifying the issues of public access to approved Special Ways. Ginny read the letter. It was moved and seconded to close the public hearing.

Leah made a motion to recommend to the Selectmen that all three roads the Byways Committee propose to become Special Ways be placed on the Warrant as a Zoning Bylaw change. Jim seconded the motion; all in favor.

The Board thanked the Byways Committee for their diligent work on their brochure of walking trails in town. Some edits were discussed. It was decided that the Byways Committee would make the presentation at ATM. Bea suggested that that protection of these historical ways should be the driving reason for adopting them as Special Ways, not the public hiking aspect, as the legal ramifications of promoting public access are dodgy and uncertain.

Rosbeck Subdivision: The Board directed Simone to ask the Fire Chief whether the fire hydrants in this subdivision had been repaired; it was reported that they were not operational when a home burned to the ground over the holidays.

Hart Hardware: Simone reported that the MVC had received a revised landscape plan from developer Jim Hart and had scheduled a hearing at the LUPC for January 24. Board members noted that Jim Hart was supposed to present the plans to the Planning Board and his neighbors before returning to the MVC. Simone was directed to contact the MVC and let them know. Susan said she was concerned about the soundness of the foundation after all of these years.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Simone DeSorcy, Board Administrator

Approved 1/24/11