

**WEST TISBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MINUTES APRIL 9, 2008  
TOWN HALL 7 PM**

**PRESENT:** Eric Whitman, Tucker Hubbell, Tony Higgins, Toni Cohen, Bob Schwier

**ABSENT:** Nancy Cole, Larry Schubert

**ALSO PRESENT for All or Part of the Meeting:** Susan Goldsmith

**BUSINESS**

- The minutes of March 26 were approved with a correction.

**HEARINGS**

**7:15 An application by Susan Sigel Goldsmith for a Special Permit** for a home occupation: A marketing and consulting business. Section 8.5-1 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaws. Map 17, Lot 2.5; 20 Catboat Lane; RU District. *Correspondence: 1) Abutter Joe Gervais, in favor; 2) Abutter Julie Robinson, in favor* Correspondence was read. The ZBA had read Susan Goldsmith's written proposal. The following was established and acted on: The applicant has submitted that she has one full time and 3 part time workers, who on occasion will be working at the same time; that they work normal Monday to Friday business hours; that generally when they meet with clients it is off site at their places of business; that the employees are primarily based on the premises doing telephone, computer and other office work, not coming and going during the work days.

Section 8.5-1B4 states: No more than three persons are employed in any occupation or combination of occupations on the premises, unless the ZBA agrees to reasonable modifications. The Board found that as this is a quiet office business conducted inside the house and that the majority of clients do not meet on the premises that it will not be detrimental to the neighborhood to have three part time and one full time employees in addition to the applicant, and that on occasion they may be working at the same time. The applicant has submitted there is a paved parking space on the premises that will accommodate 5 vehicles and other spaces available if necessary. There will be a slight increase in traffic in the neighborhood, but the Board found it will not be more detrimental to the neighborhood and Town, and the granting of the permit will not cause traffic congestion, impair pedestrian safety, or overload existing roads. The application meets the requirements of Section 8.5-1. The Board voted unanimously to grant the Special Permit.

**7:35 An application by Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust for a Special Permit** for change in use and expansion of a pre-existing, non-conforming use: To reconstruct the former bike rental place at the back of Alleys Store to be used seasonally as additional retail space. Sections 11.1 and 9.3-1C2 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaws. Map 32, Lot 58; 1041 State Road; Village Residential District. *Correspondence so far: 1) Abutters Paul and Alexis Garcia asking for a continuation as Town Meeting was continued for a 2<sup>nd</sup> night and they would be unable to attend hearing.*

The ZBA knew of the Town Meeting continuation and had been informed that the Garcias wanted to attend the hearing and had provided for a continuation, phoning Chris Scott at MV Preservation Trust to tell him that would be the course the ZBA would take. The ZBA meeting/hearings had not been set for Town meeting night, but with that continuation, there arose a disenfranchisement conflict. Both the Garcias and Chris Scott said they could not meet on the ZBA's next scheduled meeting date of April 23, so the continuation of the Trust's Alley's Store application was set for April 16 at 5 PM at Town Hall.

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

Gail Tipton's internet articles about chlorine/bromine free method of purifying pools.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Keefe, Bd. Admin.