

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
Joint Meeting with the West Tisbury Planning Board

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 5:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING

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PRESENT:

Tisbury Benjamin Robinson – Chair, Cheryl Doble – Clerk, Connie Alexander, Casey Hayward, Elaine Miller

West Tisbury Virginia Jones – Chair, Matt Merry, Leah Smith, Heikki Soikkeli, Amy Upton

Others: About 25 attendees including: Jonathan Silverstein – Town Counsel, Keith McGuire – Island Housing Trust (IHT), Nancy Weaver – Tisbury Commissioner/Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, Cynthia Aguilar, Harriet Bernstein, Adam Brodsky, Larry Cannon, Jeffrey DuBard, Rachel Eugster, Arielle Faria, Michelle Kelly, Steve Kelly, Greg Martino, Jane Rossi, Alec Sargent, Peggy Schwier, Donald Sibley, Ernest Thomas, Bill Veno

Press Vineyard Gazette – Thomas Humphrey

Due to ongoing efforts to prevent spread of Covid-19 this meeting was held remotely via Zoom platform. The Public could attend and participate in the meeting by the following method:

-Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85873840907?pwd=THpKY1cvSHU2dm-J1L1NLTxVhckNZUT09> Meeting ID: 858 7384 0907

-One tap mobile +13017158592,,81642608645# US (Washington DC)

(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Chair Virginia Jones called the West Tisbury Planning Board (WTPB) Meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Chair Benjamin Robinson called the Tisbury Planning Board (TPB) Meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

A. Joint meeting with West Tisbury Planning Board to discuss inter town issues:

- **Special ways, Red Coat Hill and Schubael Weeks Road**
- **Shared use path from Tisbury to West Tisbury (WT)**

Chair Robinson said this meeting was to kick off the discussion and develop the next steps to proceed, the critical areas that needed to be addressed. **Chair Jones** said the zoning bylaws on the WT Town Website could be used as a reference guide (pgs 44 - 48, or thereabouts); it could inform all on how to proceed. Maps of the area and accumulated information were available in the WTPB office for review.

- ❖ **Leah Smith** said the special ways were being destroyed by excessive traffic; she underscored the inconvenience of Tisbury home owners having to access their property through WT roads. People were walking on the roads for the Land Bank Trails.
- ❖ **Greg Martino** said rain run-off was a huge issue on Red Coat Hill and suggested adding gravel or drainage basins to improve the road condition; electrical lines were underground and the conditions impacted those utilities.

- ❖ **Jeffrey DuBard** said his hope was to find creative solutions for balancing out traffic, which currently was heavy on Merry Farm Road.
- ❖ **Matt Merry** said alternative solutions were needed without cutting a new road.
- ❖ **Jonathan Silverstein** explained some of the legal aspects of private roads, easements and frontage as well as the definition of a “street”. He said unless each town deemed roads public, private owners could block off access; each Town had regulations in place for private roads.
- ❖ **Elaine Miller** expressed concern over legal authority; it was important to her to understand who had jurisdiction on these private roads.

Next Steps:

- Schedule a meeting for Public Comment.
- Schedule a session to hear from homeowners/residents for solutions.
- Work with the Martha’s Vineyard Commission (MVC) for map gathering, residence type (year round or seasonal), traffic flow/traffic counts; status of construction and other data points.
- Begin discussions with the Land Bank, this was an opportunity to review easements.
- Get clarification on how much the towns can do with this; understanding of legal ramifications.

Other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY ELAINE MILLER AND SECONDED BY CONNIE ALEXANDER, THE TPB MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:35 PM.

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY LEAH SMITH AND SECONDED, THE WTPB MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:35 PM.

Documents on file:

2022.11.30 PB AGENDA WTPB JOINT MTG.pdf
 RedCoatHillRdShubaelWeeksPathMicro.jpg
 November 22 final letter swrch letter.pdf

11.30.22 WT Agenda for Joint Meeting.pdf
 RedCoatHillRdShubaelWeeksPathMacro.jpg
 11.30.22.doc

Respectfully submitted;



Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder

APPROVAL: Approved and accepted as official minutes;

 Date

 Benjamin Robinson, Chair

APPROVED JANUARY 25, 2023