

WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: November 8, 2004

Attending: Sean Conley, Mark Mazer, Nancy Dole, Marcia Cini, Mark Hutker, Lannie McDowell, Anne Fisher

Also Attending: Jennifer Rand, Joyce Bowker, Skipper Manter, Bruce Keep, Chris Skelly, Dan Moriarity, Faith Runner.

Meeting convened at 5:15 PM.

Bruce Keep came representing The First Congregational Church of West Tisbury. They are planning to replace the roof of the main structure with asphalt shingles and wondered if a hearing was required. Because it is presently cedar shingles, the members felt there must be a hearing.

The Town of West Tisbury was granted a certificate of appropriateness to remove an existing elm tree from the front of the Howes House, and replace it with another tree, type of tree to be decided by the Town when they are ready to proceed.

Nancy Dole did not have her final plans ready to submit for the north side of the proposed addition, south side plan was presented, north side will be the same as the south, except for possibly one window.. Hearing was continued to the 29th of November.

Dan Moriarity presented preliminary plans for a renovation and addition to his property at We reviewed the design and suggested a few changes to the proposed porch addition that would be simpler, less ornate, and more in keeping with the character of the barn as an outbuilding.

We met with Chris Skelly, who is visiting from Mass Historic Commission, and was here to answer questions. We discussed the need for written design guidelines, which would help applicants to understand what is likely to be approved.

Chris explained the mechanism by which we could make a district wide certificate of appropriateness for certain items not presently excluded from list of things we consider, such as window boxes, certain asphalt roof colors, that we wished to allow anyone to do without having to apply. We can also add to our own list, after a public hearing, not during, of items we consider to be insubstantial in their affect on the historic district.

Chris clarified the way we deal with landscaping when considering if a house is visible from the public way. Because we do not review landscaping, we act when looking at the

structure as if there is no landscaping. So landscaping does not count when we are deciding if a property is visible from the public way.

Since we do rule on fences, It is Chris's opinion that fences probably CAN be used to screen something, if we allow them. (So, for example, we could disallow a stockade fence but a privet hedge could be planted, thus providing privacy but not excluding the structure from having to comply with the design review process.)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Dole, Secretary