

WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: August 15, 2005

Attending: Sean Conley, Nancy Dole, Mark Mazer, Anne Fisher, Lan McDowell

Absent: Mark Hutker, Marcia Cini

Also Attending: Dan Culkin, Marjorie Potts, Ellen Weiss, Skipper Manter, John Early, Ernie Mendenhall, Bruce Keep, Barbara Day, Bob Day, Ben Moore, Andrew Woodruff, Victoria Riger and also Deborah Durland, of Durland-Van Voorhis Architects, and Mark Lima, from Marvin Windows.

Meeting convened at 5:30 PM.

The Building Committee asked that we not include exterior lighting and signage in this application as it was not yet determined what it would be. The Town will come back for another hearing when they are ready to consider these items.

Ben Moore is concerned about the size of the parking lot, which is now 25 spaces, four of which are set closer to State Road than is the face of the building. Ben would like to see the parking set back further to where the face of the building is.

Andrew Woodruff is opposed to the size of the parking lot, and the fact that it is where the playground presently is, forcing the playground to be moved. He asked why the Town was not able to work out an arrangement for parking with the MV Preservation Trust, which has a very large parking lot abutting the town playground, and is often empty. Sean Conley said he had talked to Chris Scott of the Preservation Trust and Chris had agreed the town could use the Trust parking lot only for overflow parking, and there was no guarantee of parking.

Barbara Day is concerned that the town parking lot would be black tar, she hoped it would not be. Deborah Durland explained that because of the proximity of the well, new code requires an impervious parking surface to prevent leaching of fuel, etc. from cars into the well. The well is a public well that services the Town Hall and the Grange. It was noted that the Grange parking is non-impervious and has the potential to leach into the well.

Victoria Riger, manager of the Farmer's Market, is unhappy that the playground is being moved so far away from the Market.

Marjorie Potts expressed her dismay that the size of the parking lot would have a negative effect on the only green park we have in the center of the historic district.

There was discussion about asking the Town to consider a sidewalk along the street, like the Church has, and perhaps asking the Trust to extend it in front of their property. Everyone at the meeting was very positive about what an asset that would be.

There was discussion about the walkways, they would be concrete aggregate instead of brick in order to save money. The curbs would be molded concrete instead of granite.

Andrew Woodruff said he was sad to see the lovely granite foundation the building sits on removed, as the Town plans to lower the building so handicapped ramps, which are required, will be shorter and less obtrusive. Ernie Mendenhall said they had no choice, if the building were left at its present height, it would be hemmed in on all sides by ramping. Deborah Durland has proposed lining the ramps with the granite so it would remain on site.

There was discussion about the windows, and Mark Lima had brought samples. In general, people were favorably impressed with their quality and attractiveness.

Mark Mazer made a motion to vote in approval of the proposed application. Sean Conley seconded the motion and voted yes, Anne Fisher abstained because she is on the building committee for the proposed building and parking lot and felt she had a conflict. Lan McDowell voted to approve, Nancy Dole voted against the application and gave as her reason that she approves of the building, but does not feel comfortable voting for a parking lot that would eliminate half of the only green park in town center. The application was approved 3 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstaining.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Dole, Secretary