

WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 22, 2007

Attending: Mark Mazer, Lanny McDowell, Sean Conley, Ben Moore, Nancy Dole

Absent: Anne Fisher

Also Attending: Faith Runner, Linda Hearn, Chuck Sullivan for John and Goldie Siffert

Hearing convened at 5:30 PM.

Nancy Dole appeared as applicant. The Planning Board rejected the plan approved by the WTHDC on 7/23/07 for a second entrance. They would approve the new entrance/exit near Runner Road only if she closed her existing entrance. They felt parallel parking in her lot instead of the present angled parking would enable cars to leave the lot the way they had entered, so there was no need to retain the existing entrance to create a horseshoe-type drive with separate entrance and exits. Nancy brought a letter from the engineering firm of Schofield, Barbini and Hoehn stating that it was impossible to park parallel in the lot as the Planning Board proposed unless the individual parking spaces were 16 – 18 feet wide. Having no alternative, she asked the HDC to modify the plan we had approved, eliminate the approved second entrance, retain only her existing entrance, and once on her own property allow her to cross in front of the building and around the back, in order to avoid the necessity of using the easement area of her property. She applied as a hardship, as she did not want to create a precedent in the district.

Faith Runner and Linda Hearn spoke in opposition.

The WTHDC voted unanimously to approve the application for a Certificate of Hardship, citing the blockage problems the gas station customers were causing, and safety concerns, and asked the applicant to submit an engineer's plan showing the modified driveway.

Also approved was the symbol for a sign that a new tenant wishes to hang at 1076 State Road, but it was requested that the background color and style of lettering be submitted for approval.

The next applicant, John and Goldie Siffert were represented by their contractor. He submitted plans for a new shed dormer and new 16 by 22 ft one story addition. All materials will match existing materials, and all new windows will match existing windows. We approved the plans as submitted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

Yours, Sean Conley