West Tisbury Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of September 23, 2026 Meeting

WT Public Safety Building, 454 State Road, West Tisbury, MA - Hybrid

Approved October 28, 2026

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present at Call to Order: John Christensen, John Rau, Cheryl Lowe and Ernie Thomas.

Committee Members Joining via Zoom: Jefrey Dubard

Committee Members Absent: Bea Phear, Sundy Smith, Rise Terney and Nancy Dole

Staff Present at Call to Order: Maura Valley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes for Approval: September 2, 2026 – Cheryl Lowe moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ernie Thomas and unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. **Review of Eligibility Applications submitted for FY27 funding**

   The Committee reviewed and unanimously voted that the following proposals were eligible for CPC funding and applicants could submit a final application (John Rau – yes, Ernie Thomas – yes, Cheryl Lowe – yes, Jefrey Dubard – yes, John Christensen – yes):
   - DCRHA - $80,000 for rental assistance
   - MV Fishermen's Preservation Trust - $150,000 for restoration of historic fishing vessel
   - Island Autism - $250,000 toward Phase 3 skilled housing
   - Vineyard Preservation Trust - $40,000 toward Flying Horses roof and gutter replacement
   - Harbor Homes - $80,000 for congregate housing roof replacement and electrical upgrades
   - Island Housing Trust - $300,000 toward School Employee Housing

   The application submitted by Kendall Miller for a traffic vibration study was deemed ineligible for CPC funding as it was the consensus of the Committee that the proposal was not a request to preserve a historic resource rather it was a request to finance the determination of whether and why preservation might be needed. (John Rau – yes, Ernie Thomas – yes, Cheryl Lowe – yes, Jefrey Dubard – yes, John Christensen – yes)

2. **IHT School Employee Housing Eligibility** – No eligibility application was submitted for this project as the project was deemed eligible but not fully funded last year. As the project was previously deemed eligible and the applicant was told to reapply for the additional funding necessary the Committee agreed that the project remained eligible for funding.

3. **Committee reorganization/membership** – Committee reorganization will be placed on a future agenda when more committee members are present. The chair of the Historic District Commission will be contacted regarding the appointment of a representative that is able to attend the meetings.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the Public Safety Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM on a motion made by Cheryl Lowe and seconded by Ernie Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Valley
Administrative Assistant