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West Tisbury Historic Commission
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Dear Board Members

The current rendering in this weeks Gazette is not a renovation of the Howes House it is a total rebuild, there is no way the 'historic core' can be retained.

A building of this size in the center of the historic village of West Tisbury is not acceptable. It looks like a condominium complex outside a large city. A building of this size would also greatly reduce parking in an already congested area. It is not feasible to have increased activities and reduce parking; nor is it feasible to have two cuts into the state highway directly across from two current ones.

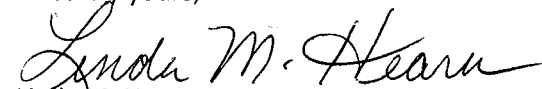
If a building of this size is actually needed, which I doubt, build it somewhere outside the historical district where it can have adequate parking for all the proposed additional activities for seniors.

I grew up in West Tisbury and can remember when Joe Howes lived in that house and ran his business from there. Yes, I am that old and have used the current senior center for many years.

Allowing this plan to move forward as proposed would be a huge mistake and be totally against what the historic commission stands for.

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Sincerely yours,



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