



Town of West Tisbury

West Tisbury, MA 02575



The West Tisbury Historic District Commission

April 29th, 2021

For the purpose of making the application process easier for homeowners within the Historic District, we are proposing some changes to the process. We will hold a public hearing on May 17th, 2021 at 6:00PM to amend our Rules and Regulations. There are instructions for attending the hearing remotely via Zoom in the enclosed "Notice".

In the past when there was an application for a Certificate of Non-Applicability (CONA) for any of the reasons listed on the application, we required a full regular meeting of the Commission to approve the application and issue a CONA, which could take 4-6 weeks.

Owners typically apply for CONAs for maintenance, repair or replacement using the same design, materials and color, or for proposed work that is not visible from any public street, public way, public park, or any public body of water.

The proposed change is that we are initiating a "provisional approval" that requires only one designated member to review the application. The homeowner should be able to begin work within 3 business days of submitting the application, if the designated member determines that the application is qualified for a CONA.

At the regularly scheduled monthly meeting the Commissioners will review all provisional approvals granted and permanent CONAs will be issued. This provides a second layer of oversight which we think makes sense.

We will also discuss increasing the list of materials and colors that do not require a public hearing.

Please do not forget that the removal of trees over 30 feet tall requires a public hearing, unless deemed a public safety hazard by an authorized public officer, in which case the owner may apply for a CONA.

The West Tisbury Historic District will be 40 years old next year.

The purpose of the District is to protect our historic homes and neighborhoods, so that we continue to have a direct, visible connection to our past and to the heritage left to us over the centuries by others, so that those who follow us have the benefit of the same continued connection.

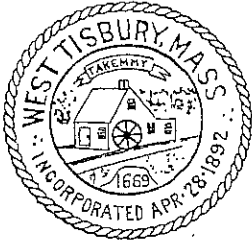
The purpose of the District is not to stop change, but to allow appropriate change that fits in with the surrounding area. So, the most important question for a review of a proposed change is – Will this change make that connection better and stronger?

Thank you,

Sean Conley,
Chair of WT HDC, member since 1986,
508-693-6677

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Notice

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A virtual public hearing will be held online Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:30 PM on an application by Siffert, 643 Edgartown Road Map 31 Lot 25 to construct a 12x12 addition to back of existing garage; followed by a hearing at 5:45pm on an application by The First Congregational Church 1051 State Road, Map 32 Lot 61 to replace the brick sidewalk; followed by a public hearing at 6:00 pm for HDC members to vote on adopting and amending Rules and Regulations as described in Section VIII E of the WTHDC By-law in order to expedite simple requests for ordinary maintenance, repair or replacement of land, buildings or structures within the Historic District which does not involve a change in design, material or color, or the outward appearance thereof, or is not visible from a public way and is therefore allowed. The public is invited to attend this meeting via remote participation using the Zoom application. Zoom meeting ID number is 881 2261 4996. A link to the meeting and applicants' plans will be available on the WT Town website prior to the meeting. On town website click on date May 17 on calendar, and click on HDC Agenda. Link will be there. For information contact

Sean Conley, Chair
West Tisbury Historic District Commission
508-693-6677

Application to
WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Instructions: Please type or print, submit application and exhibits in three sets. Add sheets as necessary.

Check type of Certificate applied for:

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS for work as described and exhibits filed.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-APPLICABILITY for the following reasons:

- Not visible from any public street, public way, park or public body of water.
- Reconstruction similar to original following fire or disaster.
- Maintenance repair or replacement using same design, materials, colors.
- Proposed work, materials and colors exempted from review by the Commission.
- Meeting requirements certified by authorized public officer to be necessary for public safety because of unsafe condition.
- Other

CERTIFICATE OF HARDSHIP for a determination as to whether owing to conditions specifically affecting the building or structure involved, but not affecting the historic district generally, failure to approve an application will involve a substantial hardship to the applicant, and as to whether such application may be approved without substantial detriment to the public welfare, and without substantial derogation from the intent of the WTHD By-Law.

LOCATION of work _____ Assessors Map _____, Lot _____

OWNER _____ Telephone _____

ADDRESS _____

APPLICANT _____ Telephone _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTRACTOR _____ Telephone _____

ADDRESS _____

DESCRIPTION OF ALL PROPOSED EXTERIOR WORK:

LIST EXHIBITS: Drawings, specifications, photographs, materials and colors attached to application.

CHECKLIST:

- ___ site plans showing existing structures and proposed changes
- ___ photographs of existing conditions
- ___ list of materials and/or color samples/catalog cuts
- ___ sealed architectural drawings of proposed work if required

Signatures (both are required)

Applicant Date

Owner Date

Incomplete applications will be returned.

Received by WTHDC: Date _____ By _____