WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2021 Meeting at 5:30 PM at Zoom

Attending: Sean Conley, Nancy Dole, Charlie Kernick, Josh Gerhard

Absent: Mark Mazer, Anne Fisher

Also Attending: Geoff Thors, Anthony Brandon, Julie Bruno

HDC signed off on 2 Certificates of Non Applicability for maintenance requests by Anthony Brandon and Julie Bruno, owners in the district.

Hearing for an application to demolish an existing twentieth century addition to the original eighteenth century home at 685 Old County Road and replace it with a larger addition, different footprint.

There were questions raised about the increase in square footage of about 30%, the setback from the road, and about how the new addition, particularly the garage wing, related to the original 1730 house. Some members felt the garage as proposed was too dominant, and detracted from the original home, both because of its height, and because it protrudes 15 ft in front of the main house, rather than sitting back from it, or being parallel to it, as were the original additions which the applicant wishes to demolish and replace. We suggested some modifications to make the garage portion less dominant. But at the end of the discussion it was clear that this was what the applicants wanted, and that their lot size did not allow them to set the garage back further from the road, in order to make it appear more secondary to the original house. The architect noted that he found the garage was not entirely out of keeping with the neighborhood, where he had noticed a mix of various style homes. And the original house is preserved in full.

A vote was called and 3 were in favor of the project as proposed, 1 was opposed.

Meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Dole, Secretary Approved on March 29th, 2021