

WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 25, 2023
Meeting at 5:30 PM

Attending: Sean Conley, Nancy Dole, Charlie Kernick, Carol Sarason

Absent: Mark Mazer, Anne Fisher

Also attending: Skipper Manter, MVTV, Jen Rand, John Abrams, Rosemary Ovian, Cindy Mitchell, Susan Wasserman, Greta Hehre

Hearing for Town of West Tisbury Village Cemetery to replace existing wooden fence along State Road with an azek fence, in a style as close as possible to the original.

Jen explained the existing fence is touching the ground and has rotted beyond repair.

A PVC fence would not need to be painted, would require next to no maintenance, and would last a long time.

Various members of the HDC pointed out that the only part of the fence that needed to be touching the ground was the posts, which are granite.

Also it was pointed out that PVC would need to be painted, if left unpainted it collects dirt, mold and mildew.

A fence of natural wood left to weather, would be more appropriate, more in keeping with the character of the historic district, and would avoid setting a precedent for PVC fencing in the district. The HDC has a general reluctance to use PVC, once that door opens, it would be difficult to close. After discussion, the HDC voted unanimously to approve a durable, natural species wood fence with the same dimensions and staggered style as presently exists to replace the existing fence. Granite posts will be retained.

Next was a hearing for Eleven Music LLC Map 32, Lot 60 to demolish an existing barn presently used as a guest house on the property. The HDC had previously approved the complete renovation of this barn on 5/22/23, but the owner has been informed by engineer that it is not feasible to leave the barn as a pole barn, with corner posts driven into the ground, and no foundation.

The owner proposes to tear down the existing barn and replace it with the same plan the HDC approved on 5/22, with the only change being an increase in height in order to meet building codes. The barn will still be secondary in height to the main barn on the property. There was some discussion by neighbors about allowing an historic structure to be demolished, but the HDC felt that because the new barn would be the same in appearance as the existing barn, it was appropriate. There is no other reasonable way that the existing barn can be preserved. Approved unanimously.

The applications by Vineyard Preservation Trust require a hearing, but since Greta says there may be some changes, we will wait and schedule it when they are ready.

We approved CONAs:

1034 State Road Map 32 Lot 98 to reshingle the barn roof, with GAF Timberline HDZ Fox Hollow Gray.

Grange Hall, Map 32 Lot 66 in kind replacement of one damaged post on front porch.
Alley's General Store 1045 State Road Map 32 Lot 58 using like materials repair damage to delivery door right jack and stud, right casing and shingles as needed.
685 Old County Road, same kind replacement of wornout siding shingles with new on South side of house.
641 Old County Road, Map 26 Lot 2 replace existing concrete block retaining wall with same height, length native stone wall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Dole, Secretary
Approved 4-15-24