

Approved 3/30/22
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Howes House Study Committee
March 16, 2021 8:30 am

Present: Skipper Manter Jen Rand, James Klingensmith, Bethany Hammond, Kathy Logue

Approval of Minutes: *K. Logue motioned to approve the minutes of 2/9/22 & 2/17/22. J. Klingensmith seconded the motion. The roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Skipper discussed the meeting with the Historic District. During the site visit they seemed to be willing to discuss the possibility of a full reconstruction but now they want the original “box” of the structure to be maintained meaning the Committee will need to start the design process over. Kathy noted that the wording of their motion was such that the possibility still exists if there were no way to save the current building. Kathy said that perhaps the “box” be extended towards the library, and with a full basement there would be enough area to meet the need. Antonia noted that the current height of the ceiling in the “wings” of the building are too low to be useable space. Jen said that perhaps the building didn’t have to be symmetrical if there are wings on either side of the box if there were plenty of windows to give an open face to the street. Kathy said if the wing was stepped back from the street it would also help with the massing.

Skipper suggested that the Committee ask the Historic District to recommend one of their members for appointment to the Committee. This would keep them engaged in the process at every step and avoid the expressed concerns of being “left out of the loop” until its too late.

S. Manter motioned to ask the HDC to appoint a member to the Howes House Committee. J. Klingensmith seconded the motion. The roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Skipper asked the architects if they could do an exterior design just giving an idea how the project would move forward. Antonia said yes noting the hardest part is where to put the stairs and the elevator.

The committee will meet again on 3/30/22 at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator