

Approved 4/27/22
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Howes House Study Committee
Jointly with Historic District Committee
April 6, 2021 9:48 am

Present: Skipper Manter Jen Rand, James Klingensmith, Bethany Hammond, Kathy Logue, John Keenan, Antonia Kenny, Jerry Thibodeau, Bernadette Lyons, Annie Fisher, Mark Mazer, Nancy Dole, Sean Conley Charlie Kernick

The group reviewed the revised plan that retained the original box of the Howes House while removing the later additions. Based on comments from Annie at the last meeting the addition was created to clearly show what was new and what was the old structure. John said the massing of the structure was designed to have the height of the addition the same as the old section, the pitch would also be matched on the Field Gallery side. The center section ridge line was lowered in the middle for contrast.

Nancy asked about the change in square footage. The current building is about 6,100 square feet, the new is about 9,000 with about a third of that as the new basement.

Josh asked what would be demolished. John said the oldest box would remain and the rest would be removed. When asked if there was room for future growth John said the site constraints would not allow for much more than what is proposed.

Ginny said she thought the Field Gallery should be removed and the COA be built new there, then the current Howes House could be an art gallery and museum. She said she talked to Vineyard Conservation and the conservation restrictions would not be problematic.

Nancy asked if municipal needs were driving the design. Skipper said no, it was the COA's needs that were driving size and design.

The following motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously by the members of the HDC:

We support retaining the original Howes House and suitable additions similar to the sketch presented at the meeting on April 6th, with the understanding that the additions be compatible with the character of the historic district of the Town.

Minutes: *J. Klingensmith motioned to approve the minutes of 3/30/22. B. Hammond seconded the motion The roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

The committee discussed town meeting, Kathy agreed to speak and said she would work with Jen and Bethany before the meeting to be sure she was prepared.

The next steps were discussed.

K. Logue motioned to authorize Jen and Kathy to develop the RFQ for an Owners Project Manager. J. Klingensmith seconded the motion. The roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator