

WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 20, 2007

Attending: Ben Moore, Sean Conley, Mark Mazer, Anne Fisher, Lanny McDowell, Nancy Dole, Marcia Cini

Absent: none

Meeting convened at 10:00 AM.

We met in order to reconstruct the Kuehn Application for A Certificate of Appropriateness that was approved at a hearing on 7/10/06.

We recently learned, after an abutter inquired as to what was approved, that the Chair forgot to attach conditions to the Certificate when he brought it to the Building Inspector on 7/21/07.

There was a discussion as to what to do about that, and in Marcia's opinion, the common sense approach is to say that the applicant is only approved for what they applied for, and we need to reconstruct the application as it may have been modified by agreements and see if the work the applicant has done conforms to the application. The approval has to be based on the application. The applicant does not have approval for anything they did not apply for. If the applicant has exceeded what was approved in various ways, then there needs to be a new hearing.

We looked at the minutes of 6/05/06 when the applicant first came to show us her proposals, we looked at the materials submitted at that time. Similarly we looked at the minutes and materials from the 6/26/06 hearing, and from the continued hearing on 7/10/06 when final approval was given for the project.

6/26:

Agreed: to lower the porch shown in the original plan from 10' to 8'6" which will change the roof pitch for the better.

Agreed: the gable entrance protruding from the porch in the original plan needs to be pulled back .

Agreed: The proposed chimney through the roof of the porch that would block the bay windows is eliminated.

Agreed: there will be no stained glass in the house or outbuildings. Any stained glass shown in the plans is to be removed.

Agreed; siding is to be either all white clapboard or all natural cedar shingles. The cedar shingles would be less expensive, and the applicant is concerned about costs.

Agreed: Paneling shown in the original plan that replaces the windows facing State Road is not acceptable, interior shutters were suggested.

Suggested: the applicant should consider lowering the deck of the porch so a three foot rail will not be needed, and so there will be only two risers instead of the three shown in the plan. Also with two risers a hand rail will not be needed.

Suggested: Gutters are not needed, because of the gable over the entrance.

Agreed: applicant will come back on 7/10 with plans as revised, and we will finalize the colors for the trim that the applicant is requesting at that time.

7/10/06

Agreed: options 1, 2, and 3 were submitted. Option 1 was accepted.

Agreed: barn plan approved 12/05 was not a part of the 6/26 application, so request for color change from white to green clapboards, and restoring two small windows in barn door originally applied for and not approved requires a new hearing. Public notice is waived if abutters do not object.

7/11/06

Applicant wrote to abutters asking them to waive public hearing.

7/21/06

Sean issued Certificate of Appropriateness for 6/26 application and inadvertently did not attach conditions.

7/30

Applicant sent abutter waivers to Sean and asked him to amend the original certificate.

HDC did not have a hearing so the certificate for the barn was never changed. Certificate on file and approved says the barn must be either natural shingles or white clapboard. Marcia says we can still go ahead and have a hearing and approve the green barn.

Mark suggested we ask Patty Kuehn to come in and talk to us about changes that were made to the shed and the fence which has not yet been constructed, and talk with them about what their understanding is or what was approved, as well as our understanding of what we approved. Everyone agreed that was a good way to get the ball rolling... talk to them first... so Sean will call Patty and ask her to hold off on any work involving the shed and fence until she meets with us. He will ask her to come in on January 29th.

Next we discussed the need for design guidelines. Nancy distributed a first draft and we will meet on January 22nd to discuss suggested revisions and additions to that draft.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Dole, Secretary