William Street Historic District Commission (WSHDC)

Tisbury Historical Commission (THC)

February 7, 2024

Tisbury EMS Building

Present: John Bacheller, Judy Federowicz (chair), Bowdoin Van Riper, Akeyah Lucas (administrative assistant)

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:05 p.m.

November 1st and January 3rd meeting minutes were approved; JFederowicz noted that the contractor at 63 Spring Street had in fact sent her an email regarding the project. The January 3rd minutes have been corrected to reflect this information.

New Business

1. Review of application for 70 William Street:

* Applicant has been asked to submit an application for the work, as there will be a change in materials. Gutter and downspout replacement with fiberglass materials was approved.

2. JFederowicz presented a letter from the Massachusetts Historical Commission nominating the U.S. Marine Hospital (151 Lagoon Pond Road) to the National Register of Historic Places.

1. JFederowicz reviewed the Preservation Brief 16 webinar she attended titled “The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors”. The webinar addressed the historical use, types, criteria, and economic feasibility of substitute materials.

Old Business

1. Rather than send a letter, JFederowicz will call the owner of 84 William Street regarding the paint color of the front door.
2. BVan Riper reviewed the history of the proposed by-law changes, the original intent to rewrite the by-law in its entirety, and the resulting decision to edit section two only. Discussion ensued and the following changes were approved:

* The Commission will be made up of five (5) regular members, and up to five (5) alternate members, with a required quorum of three (3) members.
* Terms shall now end on August 1st.
* Members shall have the option to be reappointed for a second term but must take a year off once two consecutive terms have been served.
* There will be no limit on reappointments for alternate members.
* For members finishing the remainder of someone else’s term, if the remaining length of the term is equal to/more than eighteen (18) months it will be considered a full term; remaining terms of fewer than eighteen (18) months will not be considered a full term.
* Alternate members with professional expertise relevant to a particular application may be invited to provide their input on said application, and are advisory and non-voting in this capacity. Alternate members filling in for an absent or recused regular member are allowed to vote.

BVan Riper will write up a final draft to be submitted to the Town.

1. ALucas has been provided with access to the Board’s webpage; she will start posting agendas and minutes.
2. JBacheller reiterated his concern regarding maintenance of the current Town Hall building once a new building is constructed; it was agreed that the preservation of the historic structure is a subject of concern to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6th. ALucas informed the Board that she will not be able to attend the March meeting.