

# WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016

### **Present**

Members: Paul Somerson, Bill Kendall, Jane Loos, Geraldine Millham, Janet Jones

### **Absent:**

Alternate: Jim Collins, Ted Kinnari

### **Others in Attendance:**

Barrett Allen- Recording Secretary

Alfie Koetter- Architect for 2047-51 Main Rd.

Kit Wise- Architect for Handy House wash house

Jenny O'Neill- Director of the Handy House

Jill Slosburg-Ackerman- 1970 Main Rd.

Bill Kendall (BK), chair, opened meeting at 10:05 am.

### **A. General Business**

1. Minutes of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting. Accepted. JJ Moves, JL 2nds, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report as of 8-1-2016. See **attachment A**. JJ motions to except, PS 2nds, Vote in favor was unanimous.

### **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Preliminary hearing for 2047 Main Road, owners Susie Kim and Fred Koetter: work to include renovations to garage and cottage. 10:10am Presenting is son/Architect Alfie Koetter:
  - Zone-v flood zone property, their proposal is to raise the cottage and garage to avoid future flooding.
  - Cottage plan would be 2' wider and the peak will be 9' taller than existing 16'-8" peak height.
  - Garage peak proposal would be 4'-6" taller than existing by changing the flat roof to a peak roof, floor would be raised 3' on interior. One bay would be removed to create a courtyard between the garage and the cottage. The storage space will still be rented out as it currently is. As it exists, it is not a working building because of flooding.
  - JL questions how the WHC will set a president for raising buildings in the Historic Point District.
  - How will the Koetter's move forward with FEMA regulations? (50% renovation rules)
  - GM is concerned about the renovation of the cottage's impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

- Alfie Koetter will come back with another preliminary hearing after further FEMA and site research.

2. Westport Historical Society/Handy House presentation. 10:40am Jenny O'Neill and Kit Wise present:

- Site plan shows update of granite steps on pathway between parking lot and Handy House, WHC approves.
- The plans and elevations for the restroom/utility building are proposed. Materials and roof pitch match the Handy House and it is located in within the footprint of the existing garage.
- GM requests a cedar shingle roof. Accepted.
- GM motions to accept the buildings plans for the washhouse and updates to the site plan. JJ seconds. All in favor.

3. Jenny O'Neill discusses the Waite Potter house model.

- When first presented, this house model was intended to be a temporary educational model that would be removed at the end of each season. Now, it has become a permanent structure and that is not allowed in the preservation agreement for the Handy House. WHC can not allow this to become a permanent structure on the Handy House preserved property.
- A solution would be to move the Waite Potter house model near the proposed new parking lot area (out of the preservation area). It would act as an introduction to the Handy House and could continue to be an educational model that would develop over time. Everyone agrees that the model will be moved off the preservation property by the closing season at the end of October.

4. Continuation of Public hearing for Application of Applicability for 1970 Main Road: Owner Jill Ackerman presents 11:25am:

- In regards to the construction of a temporary wheelchair ramp, WHC needs to approve all structures built in the Historic District, even if temporary.
- Jill explains that as soon as James Ackerman does not need the wheelchair, the ramp will be removed. The WHC states that it is in the public view and has to set a precedent on what is considered temporary.
- JL moves for a temporary wheelchair ramp for James who is permanently disabled to be removed within 6 months of cessation of need, JJ seconds. All in favor.

#### **A. General Business continued...**

3. GM reports on the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Westport Point Neighborhood Association.

- There is further work that needs to be done to get the support of the Neighborhood Association. Presenting at upcoming meetings will be discussed at a later date.

4. Discussion on the fire caused by lighting strike at the Pannoni House. BK will contact the owner to offer our support and suggest a preliminary hearing when he has plans to rebuild.

GM motions to adjourn, JJ 2nds. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Attachments:           A: WHC Treasurer's Report as of 8-1-16

Draft Prepared by Barrett Allen 8-1-16