

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2016

Present

Members: Paul Somerson, Ted Kinnari, Bill Kendall, Jane Loos, Geraldine Millham, Janet Jones, David Paddock

Absent:

Alternate: Jim Collins

Others in Attendance:

Barrett Allen- Recording Secretary

Richard Di Natale- 1871 Main Rd

Joe Furtado- 1813-1815 Main Rd

Betty Slade and Cory Howland- CPC

Norm and Laurie Anderson- Oscar Palmer Farm

Bill Kendall (BK), chair, opened meeting at 6:00pm.

A. General Business

1. Minutes of July 1st, 2016 Meeting. GM makes revisions. Accepted. JL Moves, JJ 2nds, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report as of 8-31-2016. See **attachment A**. JJ motions to except, TK 2nds, Vote in favor was unanimous.
3. GM passes invoices for Recording Secretary to be signed.
4. GM presents Town Farm Subcommittee report and 3 Certificates of Appropriateness. **See attachment B.**

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing for Certificate of Appropriateness for 1871 Main Road, installation of new exterior lighting. Presented by Owner, Richard Di Natale. 6:15pm
 - Lights proposed for the front door and garage- one existed at the front door, he would like to replace that one and add an additional light (so there would be two, one on either side of the front door). WHC agrees that the scale and style of the proposed lights are appropriate. GM motions to accept the presentation of the proposed light for its scale, style, and on both sides of the door, she also approves the additional proposed light for the garage; JJ and JL opposed, motion is passed.
2. Preliminary review of proposed changes to a Certificate of Appropriateness for 1813-1815 Main Rd. Presented by Owner, Joe Furtado. 6:30pm

- This is a discussion on the windows recently installed by Owner. The Owner would like to use the 2over2 simulated divided lite windows installed. The drawings approved by WHC show 6/6 lite windows. The historically correct window for this style house is 6/6, however the house did have 2/2 at some point. The windows installed by the owner do not match the style, size, or material of the windows previously presented and approved by the WHC.
- Owner agrees to replace the windows with a 6/6 lite, wooden true divided window to the specifications as approved on the drawings.
- TK agrees to take over the monitoring of this property from JL.

3. Discussion of vandalism at historic burial sites, presented by Betty Slade and Cory Howland. 6:55pm

- Cory is involved in helping with the cemetery project and documenting website because of his ancestors buried in private burial sites. He is concerned by the cemeteries not under the protection of the “cemetery commission” (board of selectman), they will continue to be vandalized or disappear and be forgotten.
- The actions being made are: to register the cemetery’s with the historic inventory, the cemeteries are recorded on the data base to inform land owners that have a cemetery on the property, raising funds to mark them with a labeled large stone, and to inform and ask the neighbors to be aware of the small cemetery’s. TK suggests contacting other states associations for advise. PS suggests bringing this issue to the newspaper for an article to bring awareness to the community. GM reminds us that the town has a cemetery department and they could take this on, Betty explains that the historic cemeteries are not under perpetual care and the cemetery department is understaffed and underpaid to take care of this on top of their work. Betty asks for help from the WHC protect the historic cemeteries.

4. Handy House Grant agreement presented by Betty Slade. 7:20

- **See attachment C**
- JL adds to point #10 stating that it is too simple of a description, Betty explains that this document is combined with the preservation agreement, which takes priority.
- There is a portion of the property that has been purchased by the CPC and must be included in the historic preservation restrictions to strengthen the document. WHC will continue to hold the restrictions for the whole property.

A. General Business continued...

3. Oscar Palmer Farm, 138 Adamsville Road, Owners Norm and Laurie Anderson. 7:30pm

- They have just moved in!
- Subcommittee is JJ, GM, and BK
- Now looking to restore two additional outbuildings, repair 13 windows, and replicate storm windows. GM has drafted a CPC funding application, see **attachment D**.
- JL moves to approve, BK seconds, all in favor.

4. Powder house restoration

- Nathaniel Allen's GC contract will be approved on Thursday's CPC meeting.

BK motions to adjourn, GM 2nds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38.

Attachments: A: WHC Treasurer's Report as of 8-31-16
 B: (2) Town Farm C of A's
 C: Handy House Grant agreement
 D: Oscar Palmer Farm CPC funding application

Draft Prepared by Barrett Allen 9-7-16

Minutes accepted by WHC 11-7-16