

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AUGUST 7TH, 2017

Present

Members: Bill Kendall, Geraldine Millham, Rud Lawrence, Janet Jones

Alternates: Henry Swan, Caroline Bolter, Beverly Schuch, Jane Loos

Absent:

Members: David Paddock,

Alternates: Ted Kinnari

Others in Attendance:

Barrett Allen- Recording Secretary

Sharon and Tony Connors- 1874 Main Rd.

Susanne Peck- 2041 Main Rd.

Brenda Figuerido- The Paquachuck Inn

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

A. General Business

1. CB will become a Member in place of PS.
2. Minutes of July 10th, 2017 Meeting. Accepted. Rud Lawrence Moves, GM 2nds, all in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report as of 8-7-2017. See **attachment A**. RL motions to accept, CB 2nds, Vote in favor was unanimous.
4. Monitors' reports:
 - 1878 C Drift Rd. needs to appear before the WHC to propose the storage shed that was installed.
5. Bylaw Amendment and Guidelines sub-committee report
 - a.) RL presented and the result is that the community association will indorse the proposed bylaws with some adjustments: At the time an application is made the WHC will confirm with the guidelines then in effect- so WHC is bound to the guidelines in effect at the time. The spring town meeting takes up zoning issues and we will present then.

B. Public Hearings

1. Public hearing for 1874 Main Rd. Owners Sharon and Tony Connors present.
 - a.) The Owners propose that the lower shed would be removed and the basement wall would be straight across. A sliding barn door would be built to access the basement. The proposed changes are partially in view of the public. GM suggests removing the proposed vertical trim board in the middle of the exterior wall because it is cosmetic and

not needed. RL moves to approve the plans as adjusted, JL seconds, all in favor. Monitors are CB and JL.

b.) JL asks how the Owners intend to stabilize the historic structure on the interior of the old house. The Owners are intending to raise the original summer beam in the kitchen area several inches to reverse the current sagging and raise the ceiling height a little.

C. Preliminary review

1. Preliminary review for 2041 Main Rd. Owner Susanne Peck presents the proposed work on the chimney.

a.) Proposing to lower the disintegrating rear chimney to 3' above the ridge line to match the other original front chimney proportions. This chimney would not be used as a functioning fireplace, if they ever choose to put a gas insert in, it would be to code at 3'.

b.) At the public hearing Susanne should present a brick sample and mortar color sample. Would it be possible to reuse the existing bricks? GM will get the name of the bricks used at the Handy House- Boston City Hall Paver. JL suggests demolition with a way to salvage the bricks, then at least it they could be used for a walkway if not able to reuse in the chimney. WHC does not see any issues with lowering the height of the chimney.

General Business Cont.

6. Revolution Lobster (Lee's Warf) 2065 Main Rd. discussion (GM excuses herself from this discussion.)

a.) WHC approved signage for Riptide Oysters and Revolution Lobster. WHC was not aware that these business would also include a restaurant. The Selectman had received a letter of complaint, WHC replied to this letter and stated what we had approved and what is in our jurisdiction.

b.) Cease and desist letter (see **attachment B**), the first and third paragraphs are incorrect, the middle paragraph has not been followed up on. The WHC certificate on the signage review is read.

c.) Brenda Figuerido (Owner of the Paquachuk) discusses the effect on the Historic District.

d.) BK asks for the WHC to make a comment to the zoning board if asked. WHC feels that the building being used as a restaurant, as currently operating, is detrimental to the Historic District. A fish market conforms with the pre-existing non-conforming use. There has been a cease and desist order sent to a property in the historic district and it is not being followed. JL and RL will work on this letter.

7. Handy House sub-committee report. See **attachment C**.

8. Certificates of non-applicability

1.) 2034 Main Rd. – Scrape sand and prime paint 2 sheds, cottage, fence and well house in the same paint color as existing. Repair damaged wood on sheds, cottage, and well house like-for-like. Install white cedar (clear) shingles at wall and roof of sheds.

a.) RL suggests assigning monitors for like-for-like projects. RL volunteers to monitor and to speed up process the owner can send photos of existing conditions with the application.

9. Westport is switching the street lights to LED, Betty Slade asks WHC what this would do to the Historic District. The several current street lights have no historic significance. WHC should send a letter to the Energy Committee to look at the light color and fixture. WHC does have review over floodlights in the Historical District, this is under our jurisdiction.

RL motions to adjourn, JJ 2nds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Attachments: A: WHC Treasurer's Report as of 8-7-17
 B: Cease and desist letter for Revolution Lobster at Lee's Warf
 C: Handy House Sub-Committee Report 8-1-17

Draft Prepared by Barrett Allen 8-7-17

Minutes accepted by WHC -- 19 | 11 | 17