

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION



WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

December 4, 2017 DRAFT MINUTES

Present

Members: Bill Kendall, Jane Loos, Janet Jones, Rud Lawrence, Caroline Bolter, Geraldine Millham
Alternates: Beverly Schuch, Henry Swan

Absent

Members: David Paddock

Others in attendance:

Pam Stenberg, Gay Newcomer, Jennifer and Anders Newcomer, David Georgianna, Hans Schaefer, Mary Ellen Kenneday, Stanley Cornwall, Myron Simmons, Beverly Bisch

Chair Bill Kendall (BK) opened the meeting at 6:00pm in the basement meeting area of the Town Hall.
Geraldine Millham (GM) volunteered to act as recording secretary in Barrett Allen's absence.
BK appointed Henry Swan to act as a voting member along with the six regular members present.

A. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Minutes of November 6, 2017 Meeting

The draft minutes had been circulated via email to all members/alternates. RL moved to accept the minutes, JJ seconded, the vote was unanimous.

2. Treasurer's Report ending 11.29.17

GM presented the treasurer's report (see attached). RL moved to accept the report, JJ seconded, the vote was unanimous.

3. Preliminary review for 1813-1815 Main Road

BK reported that applicants Henry and Linda Roy had withdrawn their scheduled preliminary review.

4. Monitor's Reports

RL had nothing to report on the porch at 1813-1815 Main Road.

CB reported on Certificates of Non-Applicability:

Richard Brewer is repairing a gutter (like for like).

Donna Lubell is redoing her roof. Roofing materials not under WHC purview.

GM reported that the Facilities Committee at the Handy House had agreed to replace the three large gooseneck exterior lights on their new utility building with smaller lights like those over the bathroom doors.

B. 6:15, PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1835 MAIN ROAD, Ursula Liff, owner

1. Hans Schaefer, contractor for the owner, presented plans for installing a shed dormer on the west roof of the barn on this property. His presented drawings based on photos showing what, if anything, of the dormer would be visible from a public way. It was determined that only a small corner of the dormer would be visible when looking north over the empty field to the south. BK clarified for abutter Mary Ellen Kennedy that it is only when a change is visible from a public way that WHC has authority to act. That the change would be visible from her back yard was not sufficient for WHC to act. ME Kennedy expressed no objections.

2. RL moved to accept the project as presented, CB seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Hans Schaefer floated some ideas for future changes to the second floor fenestration on the south side of the barn including adding large sliding shutters or a haymow window/opening with a sliding door. WHC advised him against the sliding shutters and to reconfigure the windows and eliminate the existing Palladian window.

C. 6:30, PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1903 MAIN ROAD, Anders and Jennifer Newcomer, owners

1. JL recused herself as she is an abutter

2. David Georgianna (DG), contractor for the owner, presented plans for an 18' x 10'7" addition to the northwest corner of this house. Photos and plans were presented. WHC suggestions from last month's preliminary review had been followed and the addition is now stepped back 2' from the north end of the main house, windows match existing in size and style (they will be using Boston Sash with storm panels). The addition will sit on cement posts. The shingle line has been lowered and lattice will cover the remaining opening to grade.

3. DG asked if the addition's 2' offset could be reduced to 1'. The WHC declined. Anders Newcomer asked if that lost square footage could be made up by extending the addition 4' beyond the existing ell to the west, making it a 22' x 10'7" addition. The WHC had no objections to this. It was also decided to move the exterior door from the west wall of the addition to the jog created by this extension. That door will now face south.

4. RL moved to accept the plans as amended, JJ seconded, the vote was unanimous. Beverly Schuch and Caroline Bolter were appointed as monitors to the project.

D. ACOAXET CHAPEL, CPC PROJECT

Stanley Cornwall (SC), Moderator for the Acoaxet Chapel, asked the WHC to review and recommend to the CPC their restoration plans for the interior of the chapel. CPC funds may be spend on 'preservation', 'restoration', and 'rehabilitation'. BK had met with SC and Myron Simmons, Acoaxet Chapel project manager, at the chapel. There were four projects requiring WHC review:

1. **Walls and Ceiling** The horsehair plaster is failing in the walls and ceiling of the chapel. Large chunks are falling. The plan is to drill holes and blow in insulation and install 3/8" sheetrock throughout with a skim coat of plaster. The trim in the building is robust enough to stand up to this additional wall thickness.

2. **Repair Cast Iron Pew Bases** A small number of new bases will be cast using existing bases as the pattern. Broken pews will be restored, additional pews may be built.

3. **Stained Glass Window** Previous repairs to this window will be corrected with appropriate glass. Window will be restored overall.

4. **Wiring** The wiring in the building will be brought up to code throughout the building. The two chandeliers will be rewired and restored.

RL moved to recommended the four projects for CPC funding, JL seconded, the vote was unanimous.

E. COUNCIL ON AGING, CPC PROJECT

Beverly Bisch, director of the COA, asked the WHC to review and recommend to the CPC their restoration plans for the exterior of their building located at 77 Reed Road. The COA has leftover CPC funds from a previous shingling project and would like to put those funds towards:

1. Reshingling the tower

2. Restoring the two sets of stairs on the tower, including railings and foundation lattice

3. Paint exterior trim

RL moved to recommended the project for CPC funding, JJ seconded, the vote was unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018.

Motion to adjourn by RL was seconded and unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

approved 1/8/18