

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

February 5th, 2018

Present

Members: Bill Kendall, Geraldine Millham, Rud Lawrence, Caroline Bolter, Jane Loos, Janet Jones

Alternates: Beverly Schuch

Absent:

Members: David Paddock

Alternates: Henry Swan

Others in Attendance:

Barrett Borden- Recording Secretary

Ben Waite- 62 Cushman St. Acushnet MA

Steven Farrari- 1880 Main Rd. Westport Point

Richard and Siabhan DiNatale- 1871 Main Rd.

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

A. General Business

1. Minutes of January 5th, 2018 Meeting. Accepted. RL Moves, JL 2nds, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report. (See Attachment A) Accepted. RL Moves, JL 2nds, all in favor.
3. Monitors' Reports
 - RL reports on the Roy's Property, 1813-15 Main Rd.
 - GM and JL emphasis importance of matching like-for-like and presented drawings. Use photos for reference. Keep active monitoring to avoid any surprises after construction.
 - Lee's Warf
 - Some signage has removed. JJ will check on the status of the remaining signage for the next WHC meeting.
4. Reports on Applications for Cert. of Non-Applicability
 - 1991 B. is replacing roof shingles like-for-like
5. By-Law amendment sub-committee report
 - Submitted to the Town Clerk for the May Hearing.
 - RL will handle the presentation at the meeting. JL suggests a statement from the neighborhood association with their support.

B. Public Hearing

1. Continuation of public hearing for 1881 Main Road. Owner Steven Ferrari presents, 6:15

- Proposing to demo the shed attached to the rear of the house in order to install a new septic system and future addition.

- Voting members are RL, GM, BK, JL, and CB as they were present at the last meeting.

- BK recaps last meeting's hearing

- GM reads site visit report and letters from abutters (**See attachments B and C**)

- Ferrari agrees on the importance of secondary structures in the Historic District. Based on building evidence and property deeds, this addition seems to be built prior to the main house. He guesses that this building was used for farming or livestock and attached to a house. He believes this out building does not fit in the fabric of the Point District.

- Ferrari feels this structure does not complement the architecture of the main house. It also doesn't have any significant details in construction or carpentry. It does not fit this property today. It might have been a different situation with the original 10-acre meadow property in the past.

- BK opens discussion for how the committee feels about moving the structure.

- GM and JL feel that it should be moved to another location on this property and stay connected to the Historic District on site, even if moved away from the current location.

- GM suggests converting it to a single story building and rotating the orientation (gable N-S) on the lower side of the property lot.

- JJ would like to see it moved and repurposed on site.

- RL does not see the value in moving the shed as a deconstructed 1 story.

- CB thinks that if it does pre-date the house itself, it should be preserved.

- BK confirms that WHC is open to moving the structure to be a shed onsite.

- Ferrari replies that it is difficult to justify moving the structure due to the lack of integrity. The modifications made in the past have changed the integrity of the structure. The cost of moving this building far exceeds the value of the building.

- Discussion on the difference of moving and restoring vs. replicating this structure.

- RL moves to approve the proposal to demolish the structure. WHC vote. RL in favor, all others oppose. Motion to demolish is denied. 7:10pm

C. Other Business

1. Preliminary Review for 1871 Main Rd. Owner Richard DiNatale presents.

- Proposing to attach a balcony to the 2nd floor above the garage.

- Photos show limited view from the street.

- Intending to replace the existing windows with a French door with a balcony out to the West.

- At Public Hearing DiNatale should prove with photographs what is visible from the street. The river can be seen from the deck location, but is too far away for the house to be seen in any detail from the river. A street view photo with a sketch of proposed

balcony would be useful. A floor plan of the deck on the existing roof with dimensions should be presented.

A. General Business Cont.

6. Finance Committee Meeting on Feb. 13th.

-GM has sent report; BK will attend to answer any questions.

7. Open discussion by BS on future opportunities of the Paquachuck Inn. Owner is looking to have a discussion on how to keep the building running.

RL motions to adjourn, GM 2nds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Attachment A: Treasure's Report 2-2-18

Attachment B: 1881 Main Rd. Site Visit Report

Attachment C: 1881 Main Rd. letters from abutters

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Minutes accepted by WHC --18