

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 11TH, 2017

Present

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

Alternates: Henry Swan

Absent:

Members: David Paddock, Jane Loos

Alternates: Ted Kinnari, Beverly Schuch,

Others in Attendance:

Barrett Allen- Recording Secretary

Sally Hartey, Charlene Brook, Susan S.- Neighbors for 1878 C Drift Road.

Kevin and Janice Cordeiro- 244 Old County Rd., owners

Dirk and Nancy MacEarchern- 1554 Main Rd. Owners

Hans Schaefer (contractor)-1835 Main Road

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

A. General Business

1. HS will become a voting member in place of JL.
2. Minutes of August 7th, 2017 Meeting. Accepted. Rud Lawrence Moves, GM 2nds, all in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report as of 9-11-2017. See **attachment A**. RL motions to accept, JJ 2nds, Vote in favor was unanimous.
4. GM reads letter from WHC to Suzanne Peck regarding chimney at 2041 Main Rd.
5. Monitors Reports
 - a.) RL reports on the Furtado residence, there are new owners. The new owners like the windows Furtado installed, looking into vertical siding under the covered porch, interested in building a detached garage to the North. All decisions need to be presented to the WHC.
6. The CPC is having a meeting to look into preservation and restoration funding. This meeting has been advertised in the newspaper, Sept 14th at 7:10 in the Selectman's room.

B. Preliminary Review

1. 6:15 Preliminary review for 1878 C Drift Road, owners Paul and Marita Pinet.
Owners did not show. If they come to the WHC for a Cert. of Approp. for the addition it

will not be approved until the shed situation is resolved. Abutters in attendance, and spoke their concerns on the shed and stakes in the ground marking the proposed addition.

C. Demolition Hearing

1. 6:20 Demolition hearing for 244 Old County Rd., owners Kevin and Janice Cordeiro. Applicant proposes to demolish the original 1740 house which is attached to a later 18th century house.

a. GM reads report (**See Attachment B**)

b. Kevin Cordeiro explains reasons for demolition, costs (30k to move the building), and hopes to keep a small home with a farm.

c. Due to the date of this house, 1740, and it's gambrel shape, it is a rare residence in the area.

d. Options are to leave it where it is and explore further with the beams and ceiling members, OR relocate it on the property OR sell it where assumedly the buyers would attach it to their house. BK suggestion is to keep located as is, restore as needed, build an addition for extra bedrooms. Possible attached garage addition with bedrooms above. BK recommends voting to delay the demolition of this house for 1 year. RL moves, JJ seconds, all in favor.

1. 6:35 Demolition hearing for 1554 Main Rd. Owners Dirk and Nancy MacEarchern. Applicant proposes to demolish 19th century carriage house.

a. Dirk MacEarchern presents. Main structure framing is rotting, he feels the building is too far gone and is unsafe to keep on the property.

b. BK reports: post and beam structure was very well constructed. The carriage house is a very prominent structure on the property. The beam that is over the South side carriage doors is very rotted, 3 corner boards are in good condition. One corner, the SE side, is the problem, here the corner post and sill is rotted.

c. When BK was shown the building by the MacEarchern's, he recommended that it would be in the owners favor for the WHC members to come by for a site visit and review the property. Dirk MacEarchern declined any additional visitors and would not allow the commission to come see the property.

d. Home owner is not interested in saving the structure. He believes that this structure is unsafe to keep standing on his property. After recently purchasing the property, he removed the interior finishes on the interior of the carriage house and discovered the wood rot in the structural members.

e. RL moves that this is a preferably preserved structure and the demolition is to be delayed for 1 year. JJ 2nd, all in favor.

B. Preliminary Review

1. 7:00 Preliminary review for 1835 Main Road. Work on barn behind house, Hans Schaefer (contractor) presents.

a. Proposing a shed dormer on the West elevation 2nd floor. Shows elevations and renderings.

b. GM thinks it looks appropriate.

- c. WHC likes the future idea of replacing the Palladian window.
- d. RL questions the woodstove chimney, material and details will need to be presented to the commission. WHC does not see any issues.
- e. WHC feels positive about this presentation.

A. General Business Cont.

7. Revolution Lobster updates.

a. BK reads letters written to the Board of Selectman. No response has been made. RL states we have authority over temporary structures, including the porta-potty. RL suggests clarifying "temporary structure" to more than 30 days.

b. The actual lobster and lettering signs are larger in reality than what WHC approved on the presentation. BK will call the building inspector and discuss options on this matter. GM states importance of hearing back from the Selectman.

RL motions to adjourn, GM 2nds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Attachments: A: WHC Treasurer's Report as of 9-11-17
 B: Demolition Report for 244 Old County Rd.

Draft Prepared by Barrett Allen 9-11-17

Minutes accepted by WHC --10/2/17