

**Westport Historical Commission  
Virtual Meeting of Jan. 4, 2021  
Google Meet (yns-jqan-hhq for all online meetings)**

Participating were Commission members Henry Swan (HS), Caroline Bolter (CB), Michael Walden (MW), Bill Kendall (BK), Beverly Schuch (BS), and Garrett Stuck (GS); alternate Kristi Agniel (KA). Guests included COA Director Beverly Bisch and CPC Chair Betty Slade

1. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair (BK) at 6:05 p.m. with the above members participating.
2. Minutes: The Dec. 7, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. HS made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by CB; the motion passed on a 6-0 roll call vote – BS aye; BK aye; HS aye; CB aye; MW aye; GS aye.

Treasurer's Report: No report. GS reminded members that he is signing vouchers while pandemic conditions continue. CB similarly noted that she is signing certificates and monitor's documents on behalf of the commission.

3. Certificates of Appropriateness: A public hearing on a certificate request from Betty and David Cole, 2037 Main Road was opened at 6:10 p.m. The owners are proposing to replace two casement windows on the west side with new Pella windows, similar to existing windows – wood inside but aluminum clad on the exterior. HS made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by BS. The motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote – BK aye; BS aye; GS aye; HS aye; MW aye; CB aye; KA aye. GS and HS volunteered to serve as monitors.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

4. Monitor's Reports: BK provided revised as-built plans showing the false cornice installed at the Ferrari house, 1881 Main Road; the original plans had been modified at the 12/7/20 meeting.

5. Certificates of Non-Applicability: None.

6. New Business: COA Director Beverly Bisch told the commission about the planned replacement of the roof at the senior center, 75 Reed Road, a former schoolhouse. Roof leaks and damage to underlying boards are reported; a \$150,000 request for Community Preservation Act funds has been filed, with CPC Chair Betty Slade indicating that historic preservation funds would be used as it is on the town inventory of historic buildings. It was noted that a 2018 estimate for roof replacement was \$137,000 and a second, more recent estimate placed the cost at \$75,000. BK said his only real concern was the color of the shingles to be used, and requested a sample of the 50-year charcoal colored shingles proposed be provided for commission approval. A poll of members was unanimously in favor of recommending the like for like shingle replacement to the CPC. Approval authority for the shingle color and style was delegated to GS.

8. Adjournment: With no other business on the agenda, CB made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by BS and passed on a 7-0 roll call vote – BK aye; BS aye; GS aye; HS aye; MW aye; CB aye; KA aye.

Approved 2/1/21