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MEETING NOTICE

AGENDA

WESTPORT HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION

6:00 PM  
Minutes of September 7, 2020  
Treasurer's Report

DATE/TIME  
RECEIVED BY  
TOWN CLERK

MONDAY  
October 5, 2020  
6:00 PM

6:05 PM – 199<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> Main Rd. – outdoor shower

GOOGLE MEET  
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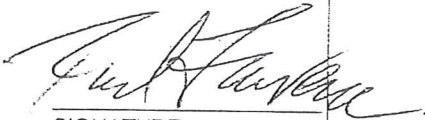
General Business  
1. Monitors' reports  
2. Applications for Certificates of non-applicability:

Next meeting – November 2, 2020

GENERAL MEETING

Rud Lawrence  
Chair

TOWN CLERK



SIGNATURE

**Westport Historical Commission**  
**Virtual Meeting, Oct. 5, 2020**

Present: Chair Rud Lawrence (RL), members Janet Jones (JJ), Henry Swan (HS), Caroline Bolter (CB), Michael Walden (MW), Bill Kendall (BK), and alternates Garrett Stuck (GS) and Kristi Agniel (KA) participated via Google Meet video conference.

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6 p.m. with the above members participating. Guests participating included Sharon Connors, Betty Slade, Richard and Barbara Brewer.
  2. Minutes: Two scrivener's errors in the Sept. 7 meeting minutes: In item 4, correction to AZEK, and in paragraph six, The was should read "There was..." JJ made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by CB; the motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote – CB aye; JJ aye; BK aye; RL aye; BS aye; HS aye; MW aye.
  3. Treasurer's Report: GS presented a treasurer's report dated 10-5-20 showing \$150 in revenues from plaque applications, no disbursements, and current balances in all accounts. JJ made a motion to accept the report as presented; seconded by HS, the motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.
  4. Public Hearing: 1995 Main Road, Outdoor Shower. Plans were provided by applicants Richard and Barbara Brewer proposing five foot by six foot cedar shower enclosure on the east side (back) of the house, not visible from Main Road, only view being from Rt. 88. Dennis Talbot was listed as the installing contractor. BK made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the submitted plans, seconded by HS; the motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote. BS and GS volunteered to be the monitors for the project.
  5. Community Preservation Committee Chair Betty Slade was asked to talk about the list of discussion topics sent to the commission, seeking feedback on planned cemetery projects. Regarding the Westport Gravestone Cleaning Group, a weekly volunteer effort: the group will be seeking CPA monies and private funding to hire a professional gravestone repairer to restore monuments in three cemeteries – Linden Grove, Maple Grove, and Beech Grove. She noted that the Beech Grove "mausoleum" built in the 1870s also needs some conservation work. MW asked about funding for follow-up care after cleaning, and was told the cleaning treatments will last for a number of years before more care is needed. RL suggested that the Westport Rivers Garden Club be contacted for help with landscaping needs; Ms. Slade said she has been in contact with the group, and that various private funding sources were being explored.
- Ms. Slade also mentioned the Historical Society's ongoing historical documents project, scanning original books and records, and posting to the town website. Suggestions for additional historical documents to be published and preserved are sought from the commission. The CPC chair also indicated that the MACRIS information on the Westport Point terminus should be filed with the Mass. Historical Commission, and volunteered to file the information with the MHC. She noted that the list of 105 town cemeteries should be maintained by the Westport Historical Commission; she will send the information to RL; she also has a number of historical photos she would like to give to the commission for preservation.
6. Monitors Reports: RL reported that the files need to be checked for conditions on the 1881 Main Road project. He believes a shed was to be re-assembled onsite, and it was not; an addition was not restored;

and a false roof was not installed. KA indicated she had viewed 1973 Main Road site, but contractor was not finished with plans.

7. Certificates of Appropriateness: None.

8. New Business: GS advised commissioners that new historical plaques have been mocked up and produced by Signature Signs; as the price has gone up, he recommends the \$50 fee be increased to \$60. CB made a motion to increase the plaque fee to \$60, seconded by BS; the motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote. GS raised the issue of a new application, from Sharon Connors, seeking two names on a plaque, where the precedent has been to list only the original owners. Ms. Connors said there are a few house plaques with multiple names or additional information in the neighborhood already; she cited the Paull House plaque with two owners, two occupations, for a total of five lines. She noted the property was built by Brightman, but is known locally as the Helen Ellis House. HS felt that the addition of Helen Ellis to the plaque was justified as she was a prominent resident, worthy of note as a longtime owner; other commission members suggested two separate plaques recognize the different owners. With Ms. Connors declining the two sign option, HS made a motion to approve the application for both owner names, seconded by BK; the motion passed on a 6-1 roll call vote: Ayes – JJ, BK, RL, BS, HS, MW; Nay -CB.

BK revisited the synthetic gutter discussion from the last meeting, having sent information on PVC shutters and fiberglass gutters and downspouts to members. MW noted that the commission needs to consider synthetic materials used for replacement windows too; BK mentioned some problems with certain brands of synthetic windows. Revised materials guidelines to be revisited at a future meeting.

9. Adjournment: With no other business on the agenda, JJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by HS and passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

*Approved 11/2/20*

# WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Treasurer's Report, 10-05-2020

Account Name	Account number	Balance
General Expense account	01-x-600-691-5700-5311	
Clerk, PT	01-x-600-691-5100-5106	
Advertising	01-x-600-691-5700-5305	168.50
Postage	01-x-600-691-5700-5342	25.00
Office supplies	01-x-600-691-5700-5420	25.00
Printing Expenses	01-x-600-691-5700-5421	200.00
Professional services	01-x-600-691-5700-5311	800.00
WHC Revenue	01-x-015-691-4320-4031	150.00
WHC Trust	82-x-3291-2370	17,812.28
Town Farm Expense	1-x-100-198-5700-5781	1,500.00
Town Farm Trust	82-x-3291-2344	8,508.44
		7,532.27
Wolf Pit School Trust	82-x-3291-238	

Garrett Stuck  
Treasurer



# TOWN OF WESTPORT

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TOWN HALL

WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS 02790

September 1, 2020

Re: 1994 Main Road

Dear Abutters,

The Westport Historical Commission will hold a virtual, public hearing on Monday, October 5, 2020 to consider an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Richard and Barbara Brewer, trustees for the owner, the Westport Skyline Nominee Trust. The meeting will be in the Google Meet format at 6:10 PM. The access code for the meeting is: yns-jqan-hhq, all lower case.

The application proposes the addition of an outdoor shower on the back of the house. The proposed size of the addition is 5'x6'; the material, cedar; the height, ca. 6'. The addition would be on the Eastside of the house.

Sincerely yours,

Rud Lawrence, Chair