

**Westport Historical Commission
Dec. 5, 2022 Meeting
at Town Hall Annex**

Present were Commission Chair Rud Lawrence (RL), members Henry Swan (HS), Caroline Bolter (CB), Bill Kendall (BK), Michael Walden (MW) and Garrett Stuck (GS).

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6 p.m. with the above members present. CB arrived at 6:05 p.m. and was not present for votes on agenda items #2 and #3.

2. Minutes: The Nov. 7, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. HS made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by BK; the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

3. Treasurer's Report: GS presented the treasurer's report showing recent revenues and expenditures, and the balances in all Commission accounts. He also presented a corrected report for 10-3-22 showing a balance of \$1,275. HS made a motion to accept the reports as presented; seconded by BK. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

6:05 p.m. Public Hearing of Certificate of Appropriateness for 2043 Main Road – Proposed addition to existing home. Owner Greg Califano and architect Kit Wise provided details of a revised plan for a proposed addition and exterior pergola covering 582 square feet. Mr. Wise indicated the revised plan reduces the length, width, and height of the addition from the initial proposal, making the new space more appropriate for the existing structure and the rest of the neighborhood. The plans call for Pella aluminum clad windows to be used in the addition. The owner suggested the addition was needed to provide more space for a growing family.

Peter Paull, 1968 Main Road, objected to the hearing proceedings, indicating he and other abutters did not receive the required 14-day notice of the hearing. If plans are approved on this date, he suggested neighbors may appeal the matter to Superior Court. He requested that the meeting clerk note abutters' right to appeal for defective notice in the meeting record. The Chair acknowledged that proper timely notification was not done, and said the Commission would not make a decision on the application at this meeting. RL further indicated the hearing would be re-advertised and taken up at the next Commission meeting.

Dorothy Paull, 2048 Main Road, told the Commission that she had received the hearing notice on Dec. 15, and considered the hearing improper. She felt that the proposed addition was still too large for the property. David Carter, 2041 Main Road, said he did not receive a hearing notice; he also objected to the size and appearance of the addition, suggesting it was an inappropriate change to the existing building. Bill Hunt, 2039 Main Road, asked questions about the septic system serving the property.

GS noted that the revised plan for a smaller addition with a lower roof line seems to meet the guidelines outlined by the Commission at a previous meeting with the architect. As the proposed space would not be incongruous with other homes in the neighborhood, he said he would be willing to support the revised plan. A straw poll by the Chair showed GS and four other Commission members were generally supportive of the revised plan; CB and HS were not in favor. BK asked for specification sheets for the windows, noting the proposed over-sized windows do not match those on the existing house.

6:30 p.m. Preliminary Review – Solar panel project, 2044 Main Road. As the applicant was not present, and some Commission members had not received details and photos for the project, this item was passed over.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Monitor's Reports: None.

2. Applications for Certificates of Non-Applicability: CB reported issuing a Certificate of Non-Applicability for 1962 Main Road for proposed repairs of termite damage, like for like.

3. New Business: GS noted the requirement for periodic readings of the Commission's trust fund agreements, and read the statement detailing the process for payments of vouchers, acceptance of donations, member service without compensation, use of funds for grant matches, and other matters.

MW reported that he is seeking bids for replacement of gutters and soffits at the Town Farm house, and noted that the Town Farm maintenance account balance is insufficient to cover the anticipated costs of the repairs. BK suggested that discussion of potentially allowing aluminum gutters in the Historic District be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

GS reported that Paul Macomber, the volunteer who has made the sign blanks for WHC historical plaques for the last 15 years is no longer in a position to continue making the sign blanks. GS obtained the molds from Paul Macomber and, with materials donated by Trey Bianco, cast a dozen new sign blanks. He also reported on a conversation with the current miller, George Whitely, of Gray's Grist Mill. GS purchased a copy of the building's history which he will donate to the public library. He suggested that the information contained in the book will be useful in updating the Commission's files and the Mass. Historical Commission file on the property.

8. Adjournment: With no other business on the agenda, MW made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by HS and passed on a 6-0 vote.

Approval Date: 1-9-23

Westport Historical Commission Treasurer's Report

October 3, 2022 (corrected 12/05/2022)

Account Name	Account number	Balance
General Expense account	01-x-600-691-5700	\$1,275.00
Advertising	01-x-600-691-5700-5305	\$200.00
Professional services	01-x-600-691-5700-5311	\$825.00
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
WHC Revenue	01-x-015-691-4320-4031	\$0.00
Town Farm Expense	1-x-100-198-5700-5781	\$1,500.00
WHC Trust	82-x-3291-2370	\$18,532.80
Town Farm Trust	82-x-3291-2344	\$6,883.59
Wolf Pit School Trust	82-x-3291-238	\$7,810.79
Garrett Stuck		
Treasurer		

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December 5, 2022

Account Name	Account number	Balance
General Expense account	01-x-600-691-5700	\$1,098.50
Advertising	01-x-600-691-5700-5305	\$161.00
Professional services	01-x-600-691-5700-5311	\$687.50
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
WHC Revenue	01-x-015-691-4320-4031	\$50.00
Town Farm Expense	1-x-100-198-5700-5781	\$1,314.22
WHC Trust	82-x-3291-2370	\$18,671.29
Town Farm Trust	82-x-3291-2344	\$6,897.28
Wolf Pit School Trust	82-x-3291-238	\$7,818.51
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Treasurer		