

**Westport Historical Commission
Virtual Meeting of Feb. 1, 2021
Google Meet (yns-jqan-hhq for all online meetings)**

Participating were Commission members Rud Lawrence (RL), Caroline Bolter (CB), Michael Walden (MW), Bill Kendall (BK), Janet Jones (JJ), and Garrett Stuck (GS); alternate Kristi Agniel (KA) joined at 6:05 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair (RL) at 6:00 p.m. with the above members participating.
2. Minutes: The Jan. 4, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. CB made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by BK; the motion passed on a 5-0-1 roll call vote – RL aye; BK aye; CB aye; MW aye; GS aye; JJ abstained as she was not present at that meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: No report.
4. Monitor's Reports: MW reported that work on 1874 Main Road had not yet begun; repair work at the Town Farm was underway, according to approved plans.
5. Certificates of Non-Applicability: None.
6. Certificates of Appropriateness: 6:05 p.m. Public Hearing on 1976 Main Road, Allan Langer representing owner Jim Acierno, proposing to replace 17 windows with composite replacement units with simulated dividers. The chair suggested the work was not a like-for-like replacement as it appeared the proposed Anderson windows had different proportions than the existing sashes. Mr. Langer indicated the glass area in the replacement units were very close to the existing windows, which would be made of composite wood and fiberglass material. BK noted the house is a circa 1820 Greek Revival style home, which would have originally had six over six windows and not the eight over eight design of the existing sash, probably 1940 – 1950 replacements of original windows. Mr. Langer said the replacement windows would be custom made, and a six over six layout could be adopted; Mr. Acierno advised that he is not interested in "restoring" the windows or doors to original conditions because of added expense of all-wood products. BK felt no action should be taken at this meeting because the applicant had not provided photos or detailed drawings of the existing windows or proposed replacement units; there was some discussion of whether the application could be amended to include the replacement of three doors.

The chair noted that only the front door is visible from the road, and the commission would not have jurisdiction over the two back doors; he felt the application should be amended as the hearing was to be continued. BK objected to the proposed style and materials for the front door, suggesting that a stamped metal door was not appropriate for a historic district; wood is preferred by the commission, but detailed fiberglass doors may be acceptable substitutes. He also felt the panel proportions and number of window lights were not right for a Greek Revival front door, and said he would send the applicant specs for authentic 19th century door styles to consider. Mr. Acierno indicated he would file an amended application for the March 1 meeting, along with scaled drawings of existing doors and windows.

7. Preliminary Reviews: 2065 Main Road, discussion of proposed relocation of stairs and installation of two windows on the east side with owners Kristin and Kerian Kenneally. Detailed drawings of existing structure and proposed work requested with application.

A preliminary discussion of the residence located at 1878B Drift Road, architect Tim Lund representing John and Chris Conway. Discussion of proposed enclosure of courtyard deck, installation of three windows and skylights on the new addition. No special concerns about the proposed work or materials to be used were raised.

8. New Business: GS initiated a discussion of the commission's responsibilities for oversight of maintenance and repair work at the historic Town Farm building, noting a recent payment from the commission's Town Farm expense account. MW noted he took over annual inspection and repair oversight duties from a former member, but he is unsure of the extent of commission responsibilities for the property. He indicated the Trustees of Reservations leases the property and is responsible for general maintenance and operating expenses. The chair suggested the lease be reviewed by the commission, and more information sought on what commission responsibilities for the property are.

The chair introduced Steph Smith, buyer of the Paquachuck Inn on Main Road, and husband Philip. They inquired about the suitability of adding dormers to the fourth floor. BK noted that dormers have been allowed on historic structures by previous commission votes, and suggested an architect be hired to prepare detailed concept plans for different options for dormer additions.

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

Approved: