

**Westport Historical Commission
March 6, 2023 Meeting
at Town Hall Annex**

Present were Commission Chair Rud Lawrence (RL), members Caroline Bolter (CB), Bill Kendall (BK), Beverly Schuch (BS), Garrett Stuck (GS), and Deborah Ciolfi (DC).

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6 p.m. with the above members present.
2. Minutes: The Feb. 6, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed. GS asked that the minutes for the February meeting be amended to remove his name from the list of persons asking that the designation of 2043 Main Road as an "historic" home should be deleted. The sentence including comments by abutter David Carter should be deleted. In the minutes of the 6:15 p.m. hearing on the certificate for 2044 Main Road, the owner's name should be corrected to Boutwell. GS made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by BS; the motion passed on a 7-0.

3. Treasurer's Report: None.

6:05 p.m. Public Hearing of Certificate of Appropriateness for 1959 Main Road – Applicant Diane Halverson addressed questions about windows and gutter replacement materials raised by Commission members during preliminary project discussions held at the last meeting. Those questions being answered, CB made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1959 Main Road based on the plans submitted. Second by BS. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote. BA volunteered to serve as the monitor.

In an informal discussion, Architect Kit Wise discussed possible alterations to plans for 2043 Main Road, suggesting the concept plan of a two-story addition to the rear of the building, with a one-story south ell. He was seeking feedback from the Commission on the alternate concept plan. He also sought feedback on a proposed floor plan for possible renovations to 2038 Main Road. Mr. Wise also sought input on a proposed garage addition at 7 Windward Way, a private way where a Certificate of Non-Applicability was recently issued for other proposed work. As the potentially higher roof line would be visible from a public way, he was asked to have the owners file an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Commission review.

General Business

1. Monitor's Reports: It was noted that work has started at 2044 Main Road.
2. Applications for Certificates of Non-Applicability: None
3. New Business: The Chair initiated discussion of resident Elizabeth Grossman's proposal to add her Cadman's Neck cottage to the town's inventory of historic properties. He suggested that a survey of the neighborhood be undertaken to determine if there are other nearby homes that would qualify for listing on the historic properties list. It was noted that Ms. Grossman was part of a group of improvement association members that had done considerable research on the neighborhood's camp meeting sites at the turn of the previous century (circa 1895-1912); the original layout of house lots; and the history of her cottage. GS indicated he was helping prepare the application for adding the property to the MACRIS inventory. He suggested that the Commission consider support a neighborhood listing of Cadman's Neck

on the town's historic properties list. There was consensus that the Commission would support the application. It was noted the town currently has 969 sites on the historic property inventory list.

The Chair cited correspondence from the Environmental Protection Agency, seeking Commission input on an offshore wind farm development project. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Commission would have no comment on the project. GS asked that the Commission member list on the web site be updated. It was suggested that the Commission begin developing some guidelines for solar panel installations in the historic district. DC, GS, and BS volunteered to serve on a subcommittee tasked with drafting guidelines for discussion and researching solar shingles.

4. Adjournment: With no other business on the agenda, CB made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by MW and passed on a 7-0 vote.