

**Westport Historical Commission**  
**Virtual Meeting, July 6, 2020**

Present: Chair Rud Lawrence (RL), members Michael Walden (MW), Janet Jones (JJ), Henry Swan (HS), Caroline Bolter (CB), Bill Kendall (BK), alternate Garrett Stuck (GS) participated via Google Meet videoconference.

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6 p.m. with the above members participating.
  2. Minutes: JJ made a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 3, 2020 meeting; seconded by MW, the motion passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.
  3. Treasurer's Report: GS indicated there was no report.
  4. General Business, Monitors' Reports: BK provided an update on the Handy House roof replacement and related repairs, including some cornice and molding pieces, replaced with near like materials reviewed by BK and RL. GS reported a new door installed at 2041 Main Road (Carter house); HS reported no real progress noticed on Ferrari house (1881 Main Road); CB reported an inquiry about replacement windows from owner of 1919 Main Road, but indicate no application for certificate had been received. It was noted that the contractor for Pierce Realty Trust (2043 Main Road) had checked in about replacement window issue. BK suggested that a review of window standards be scheduled for a future meeting due to the increasing number of inquiries about replacement windows.
  5. Certificates of Non-Applicability: CB inquired of commissioners whether the recent installation of a display case in front of 1991 Main Road was a matter which the Historical Commission should be concerned with. The display case seems permanent, and is being used to showcase paintings. HS indicated it was not a matter for concern to him unless a complaint was filed; RL suggested the owner of the property be contacted to determine if the display is intended to be a permanent fixture, and be urged to seek a review by the commission if it will be a permanent display.
  6. New Business: RL reported inquiries from Tony Millham about the Town Farm Subcommittee formerly chaired by retired commissioner Geraldine Millham, assigned to review construction work at the farm. BK indicated he was the sole remaining member of the subcommittee, and needed two volunteers to join the panel; MW and GS volunteered to serve. RL noted that a member was needed to volunteer to go pick up the Head of Westport walking tour handbooks in Mrs. Millham's custody, and take over the task of handling sales of the handbook to local vendors. MW volunteered for that duty.
- In other new business, it was suggested that a discussion of a resident's interest in serving on the Historical Commission be put on the agenda of the next meeting. CB advised members that a house and barn at 708 American Legion Highway may be razed for the construction of a new subdivision, but a formal application for demolition approval has not been received. RL and BK reported an informal visit to 263 Brayton Point Road, where a 1920s or 1930s barn is proposed for demolition; it was determined that there is no historical significance to the structure.
7. Adjournment: With no other business on the agenda, HS made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by CB and passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.