

Westport Historical Commission
Meeting of Aug. 2, 2021 at Westport Town Hall

Present were Commission Chair Rud Lawrence (RL) and members Michael Walden (MW), Bill Kendall (BK), Henry Swan (HS), Garrett Stuck (GS); and Caroline Bolter (CB); alternate Kristi Agniel (KA) also participated as a voting member.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m. with the above members participating (CB arrived at 6:04 p.m.). The Chair indicated that member Janet Jones would not be attending due to Covid-19 concerns, and that she had suggested a return to remote meetings for the near future. There were no objections from those present, and it was decided that the Sept. 6, 2021 meeting would be held remotely. GS volunteered to host and record the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting were reviewed. HS made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by BK; the motion passed on a 5-0-1 vote with KA abstaining as she was not present at that meeting.

Treasurer's Report: GS presented a treasurer's report dated 8-1-2021 indicating the current balances in each account (attached). HS made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by KA. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

6:05 p.m. Appointment: Resident Allen "Sam" Manley appeared before the commission to ask if the Westport Fire Department's 1928 Maxim fire engine could be designated as a historic resource of the town. Mr. Manley said that the department is seeking Community Preservation Act funding to help restore the town-owned fire engine, the first commercially built engine purchased by the department. The designation as a historic resource would enhance the chances of CPA funding for the refurbishment effort, he indicated. HS made a motion to designate the 1928 Maxim Engine a historic resource of the Town of Westport. Seconded by CB, the motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

General Business:

1. Monitor's Reports: None.

2. Certificates of Non-Applicability:

CB reported a Certificate of Non -Applicability issued for 129 Sanford Road, interior work. Owner Ron Richardson is planning to renovate the second floor to create storage space. A certificate application for 2006 Main Road was reported for the "like for like" replacement of the porch roof and fascia boards. It was noted that the application was filed by contractor William Geisner on behalf of owner Steven Ussach; a stop work order was issued by the Building Inspector for starting work without a building permit. BK asked the contractor to document the house's current materials and conditions with photographs, to be added to the application.

3. New Business:

Questions were asked about the recent building move at Weatherlow Farms; none of the appointed monitors said they had been notified of the move being undertaken.

Adjournment: With no other business on the agenda, CB made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by HS and passed on a 6-0 vote.

Approved: 10-4-21