

MEETING NOTICE

WESTPORT HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

MONDAY
August 5, 2019
6:00 PM

TOWN HALL BASEMENT
816 MAIN ROAD

GENERAL MEETING


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AGENDA

6:00 PM
Minutes of July 1, 2019
Treasurer's Report
6:05 PM – 1495 Main Rd - proposal to rebuild lattice over entryway (without benches)
6:10 PM – 1832 Main Rd (Methodist Church) – proposal to remove west chimney and replace with roof

General Business

1. Monitors' reports
2. Certificates of non-applicability
3. New business

Next meeting – September 9, 2019

Rud Lawrence
Chair

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Westport Historical Commission
Meeting of Aug. 5, 2019

Chair Rud Lawrence opened the meeting in the basement meeting room at Town Hall at 6 p.m.

Present: Members Rud Lawrence (RL), Henry Swan (HS), Caroline Bolter (CB), Janet Jones (JJ), Bill Kendall (BK), and alternate Garrett Stuck (GS) serving as a voting member.

Others In Attendance: Kristin Williamson of the Point Methodist Church.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting were reviewed, with the suggested amendment that Nathaniel Allen be noted as presenting the NDA Restoration report; JJ made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by BK; the vote was 6-0 in favor.

Treasurer's Report: GS indicated there was no treasurer's report to be presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The chair noted that two members of the commission – Beverly Schuch and Michael Walden – had their houses featured in the recent sold-out historic house tour staged by the Westport Historical Society, and congratulated them on their participation in the popular event.

1. **Certificate of Appropriateness:** 1945 Main Road, owner Caroline Bolter, proposing the replacement of the original lattice arch over the front door. Ms. Bolter indicated a contractor has been hired to do the proposed work, and raised the issue of replacing the benches that once flanked the doorway. After some discussion, members were in general agreement with the owner that the benches should not be replaced. BK made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by GS; the vote was 5-0-1 with Ms. Bolter abstaining.

2. **Monitor's Reports:** With no reports forthcoming, this agenda item was passed over.

3. **Certificates of Applicability:** None, so this agenda item was passed over.

The chair briefly revisited the terms of the demolition delay voted at the last meeting, wanting to insure that the notification issued specified that a plan for re-assembly of the building if moved must be presented to the Historical Commission for approval, with the terms of the plan to be satisfied before the demolition delay is lifted.

4. **6:10 Preliminary Review:** 1832 Main Road, Point Methodist Church, proposal to remove west chimney and repair roof. Church representative Kristin Williamson told the commission that both chimneys are leaking, with a substantial leak around the west chimney causing considerable damage to a second floor bathroom. The fireplace under that chimney has not been used in more than 10 years, and the church would like to remove it; the east side chimney serves the furnace, and will be rebuilt to continue that service. BK suggested that the church try to replicate the appearance of the existing bricks as closely as possible, and have the contractor provide a sample of the mortar to be used for the project; he asked that the applicant provide a sample brick, or good color photos of the existing bricks for the commission's files.

BK also suggested that the west side fireplace on the first floor not be removed if it is an "original structure" from the original building; if so, it should be repaired or replicated as closely as possible. RL recommended that members visit the site to review the existing structures and proposed work. Ms. Williamson expressed some frustration that the commission's requests would delay approval and the start of work, noting the serious leak requires an urgent response to prevent further damage. BK made a motion to continue the review of the application until the Sept. 9 meeting; seconded by JJ, the motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business on the agenda, BK made a motion at 6:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by JJ. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, in favor.

Approved: 9/9/19