

MEETING NOTICE

WESTPORT HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION

MONDAY  
September 7, 2020  
6:00 PM

GOOGLE MEET  
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GENERAL MEETING

  
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AGENDA

6:00 PM  
Minutes of August 3, 2020  
Treasurer's Report  
6:05 PM – 1973 Main Rd – Certificate of  
Appropriateness for gutters & fascia  
6:10 PM – 1913 Main Rd – preliminary discussion  
regarding gutters

General Business

1. Monitors' reports
2. Applications for Certificates of non-applicability:  
1994 Main Rd – outdoor shower
3. New business – monopole
  - Stockbridge demolition by-law
  - historical plaque application
  - "like for like"

Next meeting – October 5, 2020

Rud Lawrence  
Chair

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**Westport Historical Commission**  
**Virtual Meeting, Sept. 7, 2020**

Present: Chair Rud Lawrence (RL), members Janet Jones (JJ), Henry Swan (HS), Caroline Bolter (CB), Michael Walden (MW), Bill Kendall (BK), alternates Garrett Stuck (GS) and Kristi Agniel (KA) participated via Google Meet video conference; both alternates were designated voting members for this meeting.

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 Aug. 3, 2020 meeting as submitted; seconded by CB, the motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote with KA abstaining.
3. Treasurer's Report: GS presented a treasurer's report dated 9-7-2020 (attached) showing current expenses and balances in all accounts. HS made a motion to accept the report as presented; seconded by JJ, the motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.
4. Certificate of Appropriateness: Members reviewed the application from 1973 Main Road to replace wooden gutters and fascia boards on the western side with aluminum gutters and downspouts. The replacement material would be comparable to work that was approved by the commission in 2008, CB indicated. BK said the applicant should do their best to replicate the profile of the wooden gutter, possibly with fiberglass material with a similar profile; the wood or AZEK material for the fascia boards is suitable, he suggested. HS made a motion to approve the certificate with the materials submitted to be used for the project; seconded by BK, the motion passed on an 8-0 roll call. KA and JJ volunteered to serve as the monitors for the project. Applicant confirmed via telephone that all synthetic materials would be used.

There was some discussion of a verbal inquiry from 1913 Main Road owner about replacement off wooden gutters, later amended to repair or replace trim boards. Application may be coming for certificate of appropriateness for shutter replacements; no action needed.
5. Monitors Reports: HS asked for some history on 1881 Main Road project, whether small shed in the rear was originally one or two stories, and if the present location was shown on the plan. BK recalled the structure was part of the house, moved to that site. He also noted the difference in the roofline as built to the profile suggested in the plans; lines without a cornice were allowed if monitors were notified of the change; monitors RL and HS said they had not been consulted about the change. RL will make further inquiries.
6. Certificate of Non-Applicability: There was some discussion of the outdoor shower, 5 x 6 foot cedar wood, located on the east side of 1994 Main Road; GS indicated the structure was only visible from Rt. 88. The chair suggested that an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness should be filed, with CB to request a drawing or photo of the structure be included in the application.
7. New Business: RL reported on the proposed installation of a 150-foot monopole communications tower on the southeast corner of the Rt. 88 and Drift Road intersection. Because the installation would impact the views in the historic district, BK suggested that the state authorities should be notified of the commission's concern about the project.

In other new business, CB provided a summary of the Stockbridge demolition bylaw, which requires applicants to have the property for sale at market value for a year before demolition is allowed. HS brought up the case on Horseneck Road where the move of a structure to another location in town was approved; he believes the building was not moved. There was some discussion, and general consensus that no elements of that bylaw would strengthen the Westport bylaw in any significant way.

GS advised commissioners that he has received four applications for historical plaques via the website form. Of special note was the owner of 472 Cornell Road, a circa 1727 structure; the current owner is requesting that both Rev. Philip Taber and spouse Margaret Wood be on the plaque. After GS said he had confirmed the information of the two owners, HS made a motion to approve the application, seconded by JJ; the motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote. GS indicated he is still checking on how the review process should be handled, and suggested that the \$50 fee should be revisited at a future meeting.

7. Adjournment: With no other business on the agenda, MW made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by CB and passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.

Approved 10-5-20

# WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Treasurer's Report, 9-7-2020

Account Name	Account number	Balance
General Expense account	01-x-600-691-5700-5311	Not reported
Clerk, PT	01-x-600-691-5100-5106	
Advertising	01-x-600-691-5700-5305	200.00
Postage	01-x-600-691-5700-5342	25.00
Office supplies	01-x-600-691-5700-5420	25.00
Printing Expenses	01-x-600-691-5700-5421	200.00
Professional services	01-x-600-691-5700-5311	800.00
		None yet in FY21, \$350 collected FY20, ending June 30th
WHC Revenue	01-x-015-691-4320-4031	
WHC Trust	82-x-901-499-2370-5700	17,662.28
Town Farm Expense	1-x-100-198-5700-5781	1500.00
Town Farm Trust	82-x-3291-2344	8508.44
Wolf Pit School Trust	82-x-3291-238	7532.27

Garrett Stuck  
Treasurer



# TOWN OF WESTPORT

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TOWN HALL

WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS 02790

August 21, 2020

Re: 1973 Main Road

Dear Abutters,

The Westport Historical Commission will hold a virtual, public hearing on Monday, September 7, 2020 to consider an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the owner, Nils Bruzelius. The meeting will be in the Google Meet format at 6:05 PM. The access code for the meeting is: yns-jqan-hhq, all lower case.

The application proposes replacing the deteriorating wood gutter and fascia board across the West facade of the second floor with an aluminum gutter to match the aluminum gutter on the porch, which was approved by the WHC on December 5, 2008. Photographs, a plan and a copy of the 2008 Certificate of Appropriateness are posted to the WHC bulletin board, Town Hall, second floor.

Sincerely yours,

Rud Lawrence, Chair