

Westport Historical Commission
February 10, 2015

Present

Member: Stanley Cornwall, Bill Kendall, Jane Loos, Geraldine Millham, David Paddock, Paul Somerson
Alternate: Christine Vezetinski

Absent:

Member: Janet Jones,
Alternate: Jim Collins

Others in Attendance: none

Chair Bill Kendall (BK) opened the meeting at 10AM in the basement meeting area at Town Hall, noting that 5 votes are present, sufficient for a quorum. BK advised that one of the topics on the published agenda would not be discussed at today's meeting — the author of the Civil War Veterans Research Project requested this be deferred to a later date.

A. General Business

1. Minutes of November 3, 2014 Meeting. BK explained that the draft minutes had been circulated via email. Paul Somerson (PS) moved and David Paddock (DP) seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

2. Treasurer's Report. Geraldine Millham (GM) presented the Treasurer's Report and provided explanations for new WHC members about the terminology and the history of how the Trust Funds were created. Jane Loos (JL) moved and DP seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The vote in favor was unanimous.

(a) WHC expense account unspent balance of \$725. Revenue account \$0.

(b) WHC Trust Account balance of \$14,009.12.

(c) Wolf Pit School Trust balance of \$6,756.67

(d) Town Farm expense account unspent balance of \$843.30; the Town Farm Trust account balance of \$8,790.58.

3. Preliminary Review for 1881 Main Road. Steve Ferrari presented a series of plans that had been prepared since he purchased the property in 1988. Remodeling plans were approved by WHC in 1992, but only part of the approved changes were implemented. Those that were implemented include a second story dormer on the west elevation, windows were restored, vinyl siding was removed and new red cedar shingles on the east roof face. Proposed changes that were not implemented include moving the attached shed, and other changes on the first floor west elevation of the main house.

4. Mr. Ferrari then presented plans prepared in 1996, which he now wished to pursue. The main change was to build a two story addition on the west (rear) of the main house. He also wished to move the shed, which had been approved previously, but that approval was no longer valid since the associated building permit had expired about 20 years ago.

5. The meeting discussed what parts of the current proposed plans would be visible from a public way. The main discussion concerned the mass and scale of the proposed addition and options for the roof line. BK suggested that there are likely to be more options for the roofline than the two presented by Mr. Ferrari, and because this is a preliminary review, it would be pre-mature to try to reach a definitive decision to

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decide between the two options as presented. The general sense of the meeting showed no consensus on roofline choices. The sense of the meeting was in favor of approving moving the shed to a location further down the hill.

6. Mr. Ferrari informed that he expected to submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the 1996 plans he presented at this meeting. BK explained that the next regular meeting is March 2, and the deadline for submitting applications is coming up very shortly. BK reminded that the application should be accompanied by a site plan (current and proposed), 3 copies of detailed, scaled drawings of all four elevations (current and proposed), and the project check list of proposed materials.

7. Other Business

(a) *Proposed Cell Tower on Division Road.* BK reminded that he had shared the letter from the Dartmouth Historical Commission along with more detailed information from the project consultant. The meeting agreed that, even though the site of the tower is technically in Dartmouth, WHC should weigh in on this matter given its potential impact on historic properties in Westport. BK asked JL to prepare a draft. The letter should be addressed to the Dartmouth ZBA and copied to both Dartmouth and Westport Planning Commissions, Westport ZBA, and Dartmouth Historical Commission.

(b). *Handy House Subcommittee.* BK informed that the third member would be JL.

(c) *Oscar Palmer Farm Subcommittee* — GM reported that she, BK and Janet Jones joined the annual inspection tour of the property along with representatives of the Trustees. All was in good order. BK requested GM to provide a short report for the record.

(d) *Monitor Reports.*

1813-1815 Main Road — Furtado, no work done since last fall; awaiting application for amendment to Certificate of Appropriateness.

1824 Main — Malabre, work completed and it looks good.

1875 Main — Beck/Pardee, need to name monitors, project appears to be done but need confirmation.

1936 Main — Borges, no work underway yet; BK named DP, PS and himself as monitors.

1962 Main — Smith, work done and it looks good.

1985F Main — Greaney, work underway; JL to request confirmation from contractor on height of the roof peak to ensure that it is built as approved.

2019 Main — Harty, work underway, but architect changed; JL to request owner to reconfirm that the approved plans are being followed.

2028 Main — Doyle, BK confirmed that the window replacement was an exact replica and that the foot print of the addition matched the approved plans.

(e) *Applications for Certificates of Non-Applicability (CNA).* JL reported that CNA were signed off by BK and JL on an expedited basis for 1874 Main Road (Hanover)— like for like repair to window, replaced with exact replica.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 2 at 7pm. The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

draft prepared by JL, approved March 9, 2015

Attachment #1 Treasurer's Report as of 1/30/15