

# Westport Historical Commission

## July 6, 2015 Minutes

### Present

Member: Janet Jones, Bill Kendall, Jane Loos, Geraldine Millham, David Paddock,,  
Paul Somerson

Alternate: none

### Absent:

Member: Ken Schadegg

Alternate: Stanley Cornwall, Christine Vezetinsk

**Others in Attendance:** Jenny O'Neill                      Director, Westport Historical Society (WHS)  
Steve Patterson                      Acoaxet Inn

Chair Bill Kendall (BK) presiding. 10 am, Town Hall basement meeting area. No public hearings.

### A. General Business

1. Minutes June 1, 2015 Meeting. Janet Jones (JJ) proposed a correction to the minutes and moved that the minutes as revised be approved; Geraldine Millham (GM) seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report for end FY2014-2015.

(a) WHC expense account unspent balance of \$725, which will be returned to the General Fund.  
Revenue account \$100.

(b) WHC Trust Account balance of \$14,098.26.

(c) Wolf Pit School Trust balance of \$6,790.76.

(d) Town Farm expense account unspent balance of \$122.89 which will be returned to the General Fund;  
Town Farm Trust account balance of \$8,834.91

Jane Loos (JL) moved and JJ seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report (see Attachment I). The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. Handy House-proposals for work covered by Tripp preservation restriction, presented by Jenny O'Neill, Director of Westport Historical Society (WHS).

(a) *Waite Potter House* - half size model of the framework for the original house. JL moved and JJ seconded a motion that WHC approve construction of a temporary installation showing how an early framework is built and then deconstructed for moving, provided that the installation is removed promptly from the site after the museum is closed for the winter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

(b) *Fence along Hix Bridge Road* - construction of fence by Boy Scout for Eagle Scout project. GM moved and David Paddock (DP) seconded a motion that approval of such work be subject the Scout presenting: (i) acceptable report of results of his research into fence examples from similar timeframe, including styles, materials and construction techniques; and (ii) acceptable plans for proposed work, including detailed design, choice of materials, construction techniques to be used and who would be providing guidance to the proposed project.

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(c) *East Chimney Replacement* - JL moved and Paul Somerson (PS) seconded a motion to assign the detailed evaluation of the proposal to the Handy House Sub-Committee (BK, GM, & JJ). The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Plans for Remodeling Acoaxet Inn for Private Residence. Steve Patterson, the contracted purchaser of the Inn, presented his current proposals to restore and remodel the Inn. Plans include moving the hotel addition from the north to the west side, behind the main building and likely need to reconstruct the post office wing due to long-standing water and drainage issues. BK thanked Mr. Patterson for sharing his plans, noting that the community had great interest in this historic property, and that WHC had no formal role in this matter, since it would not involve demolition.

6. Preliminary Review - 1973 Main Road, Window Replacement, presented by owner Nils Bruzelius. The meeting expressed no objections to proposal to install Kolbe, all-wood, 2 over 2 sash, single glazed windows to replace existing sliding windows. BK confirmed that such work would require a public hearing for official approvals.

7. Department of Transportation (DOT) - Request for Comments Route 88 resurfacing. DP moved and PS seconded a motion to inform DOT that WHC had no objections to the proposed work.

8. CPC Representative. GM moved and DP seconded a motion to nominate JJ to continue as WHC representative. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. WHC Officers and Representatives. assignments will be made at the August meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, August 3, 2015, 7pm. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

draft prepared by JL, approved August 3, 2015

Attachment I: Treasurer's Report