

Westport Historical Commission
August 3, 2015 Minutes

Present

Member: Janet Jones, Bill Kendall, Jane Loos, Geraldine Millham, Ken Schadeegg, Paul Somerson
Alternate: Christine Vezetinski

Absent:

Member: David Paddock,
Alternate: Stanley Cornwall, Jim Collins

Others in Attendance: Charlie Appleton	162 Blossom Road, Westport
Julia Bernert	Architect for WRWA Head Garage Project
Richard Brewer	1971 Main Road, WPT
Tom Schmitt	28 Whistler Point Road, Westport

Chair Bill Kendall (BK) presiding, 7pm, Town Hall basement meeting area. BK named Alternate Christine Vezetinski (CV) as the 7th vote.

A. General Business

1. Minutes July 6, 2015 Meeting. Janet Jones (JJ) moved and Geraldine Millham (GM) seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor, with two abstentions because they had not attended that meeting (CV and Ken Schadeegg (KS)).

3. Treasurer's Report for end FY2014-2015. See Attachment I.

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

4. Head Garage Revised Proposals, Julia Bernert, Architect for Westport River Watershed Alliance (WRWA). New information: unlike what was the understanding at the time of the earlier reviews of this project, Ms. Bernert informed that there is a possibility that the footprint may be expanded, depending on rulings by, among others, the Landing Commission. The current proposal increases the footprint by adding a three story tower to the east, to accommodate the elevator and stairs and changed dormer dimensions and fenestration on third floor to increase usable interior space.

5. BK suggested that, until the possibility of expansion was firmly settled, it is premature to discuss the plans; he noted that there would likely be other possible solutions for adding to the footprint more in keeping with the existing building. GM noted that the current proposal reverses some of WHC previous suggestions, including keeping the dormers subservient to the roof to avoid looking like a three story block.

B. Public Hearing for Certificate of Appropriateness for 1973 Main Road. Richard Brewer presented the proposal on behalf of owner Nils Bruzelius to replace existing slider windows on second floor east elevation porch with all wood, two over two, true divided light, double hung sashes. GM moved and KS seconded a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for this work. The vote in favor was unanimous. BK named GM and CV as monitors.

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A. General Business continued.

6. Maple & Linden Grove Cemetery Fence Restoration. Andrew J. Motta, Cemetery Department Director, made a presentation documenting the history and current conditions of the picket fencing and presented detailed specifications and estimated costs for the proposed restoration work (Attachment 2). WHC commended Mr. Motta for the complete documentation, analysis of options and good project planning. JL moved and GM seconded a motion to inform CPC of its strong support for restoring the entire length of the picket fencing with stone posts, and resetting/completing the cut stone wall at the cemetery's southern most corner. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. Town Farm Subcommittee. BK named KS and himself to join GM on this Subcommittee.

8. Election of WHC Officers. The slate of officers was voted in by acclaim: BK Chair, KS Vice Chair, GM Treasurer, JL Clerk. The meeting agreed that the Recording Secretary position would be filled on a rotating basis among all members and alternates; BK named GM to record the September 8, 2015 minutes.

9. Expedited Certificates of Non-Applicability. JL informed the meeting that BK approved two such Certificates on the grounds that WHC did not have purview over roofing materials—1814 Main and 1912 Main.

10. Possible Further Amendments to WHC Town By-Law. Paul Somerson (PS) suggested that WHC explore the desirability of and community views about additional amendments. PS agreed to report to the next meeting on his findings.

The next regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 7pm. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

draft prepared by JL, approved September 8, 2015

Attachment I: Treasurer's Report

Attachment II: Maple & Linden Grove Cemetery Fence Restoration Proposal.