

WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APRIL 11th, 2016

Present

Members: Paul Somerson, Janet Jones, Bill Kendall, Jane Loos, Ken Schadeegg, Geraldine Millham, David Paddock

Absent:

Alternate: Ted Kinnari

Alternate: Jim Collins

Others in Attendance:

Barrett Allen- Recording Secretary

Bill Hunt- Owner at 2039 Main Rd.

Rene Kochman- Owner at 1919 Drift Rd.

Charlie Appleton- WRWA Board, 162 Blossom Rd.

Julia Bernert- WRWA project Architect, 50 Cross Rd.

Tom Schmitt- WRWA Board, 28 Whistler Pt. Rd.

Gay Gillespie- WRWA Board, 1634 Main Rd.

Deborah Weaver- WRWA Board, 1702B Drift Rd.

Ian Tripp (sp.?)

Kristen Wilkerson (sp.?)

Bill Kendall (BK), chair, opened meeting at 7pm.

A. General Business

1. Minutes of March 7th, 2016 Meeting. Accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report as of 3-30-2016. See attachment A. Vote in favor was unanimous.
3. Bill Kendall suggests starting meeting at 6:00pm. Board agrees and next months meeting will open at 6pm.
4. Request from Board of Selectman for WHC's involvement with the Guild Property in Adamsville, including the millpond and the Gristmill. Ralph Guild, owner, is interested in donating the property to the town, both Westport and Little Compton, and has asked a committee to explore options. Michael Sullivan spearheads this committee. GM attended a site visit. David Paddock volunteers to sit on this committee for the WHC, he is appointed. Next Guild Property Committee meeting is Wed. 4-13-16 at 6:00 at Town Hall Annex.
5. On 3-15-16 WHC met with the Finance Committee. Proposed an increase in funding for administrative position and clerk. Finance Committee suggested raising fees. WHC is concerned that raising more from fees would not result in money coming back to support the WHC. Demolition application is a place where fee could be raised and will show the

Finance Committee our efforts to cooperate. JL reached out to other Mass Historic Commissions to compare and learn how they support themselves financially.

6. WHC presented to Westport Point Association on March 12th regarding the bylaw amendment. Positive feedback was received to continue presentation at summer neighborhood meeting.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Continuation for a hearing for Certificate of Appropriateness for 1919 Drift Road at 7:15pm
 - Rene Kochman, owner, asks for approval to replace his front door with an already purchased Craftsman style door that he has agreed to paint white.
 - WHC continues to question Craftsman style door on a Cape. However, location is not directly on Main Road and will be covered with a storm door. Commission suggests removing shelf with dental bracket molding. Motion to approve application for CofA with the removal of shelf and dental moldings. Vote in favor was unanimous.
2. Continuation for a hearing for Certificate of Appropriateness for 2039 Main Road at 7:30pm
 - Bill Hunt, owner, presents a proposal for new windows on rear “L” addition of his home. He presents a model of a Marvin New generation new construction window. SDL, Alum clad exterior, wood interior.
 - There are not any design drawings presented, Committee feels presentation is not meeting WHC application procedures.
 - Committee agrees to approve this presented window because of locations indicated in application in the bases that the SDL and Aluminum cladding are acceptable because of their lack of discernibility. Motion accepted.
 - Owner will present proposal with scale drawings for all affected elevations at next months meeting at 6:15.
3. Hearing for Certificate of Appropriateness for 1912 Main Road by Westport Point Methodist Church at 7:45
 - Ian Trip and Kristen Wilkerson present to remove the cornerboards from the Church steeple roof and re-roof with historically accurate woven shingle technique.
 - Motion to accept based on description given in application. Vote in favor was unanimous.
 - Janet Jones, Jane Loos, and Paul Somerson will act as monitors.

C. OTHER

1. Westport River Watershed Alliance restoration of the Head of Westport Garage Building, 493 Old County Road, at 8:05
 - Charlie Appleton reviews the intent of this project.

- Julia Bernert, Architect, presents the schematic design plans. She explains the proposed addition and material details: a 8' x 32' addition with a modest profile to avoid distraction from the original 40' x 40' building. Since the last review, the dormers have been minimized to reduce change to the historic building. The windows chosen are Anderson A-series painted in a muted grey tone. Granite foundation will be repaired and cleaned. Custom large doors will fit in the original masonry openings and have authentic divided lights.
- The Landing Committee has approved the site plan for the 8' x 32' addition.
- WHC does not agree with the design of the parapet walls at the roof of the addition and questions the small modern windows on the addition. WHC suggests removing the parapet walls and bringing down the addition plate height to make the shed roof slope greater. The design intention is for the addition to be a departure from the original building while still harmonizing with the historic building. WHC does not see harmony with the addition as drawn with the parapet walls.
- WHC will make recommendations to CPC regarding this design. WHC agrees with all other changes made from the last presentation and is asking for options on the addition roof design. The subcommittee will be DP, BK, and GM (chair).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. The next meeting is May 2nd, 2016 at **6:00**.

Attachments: A: WHC Treasurer's Report as of 4.4.16

Draft Prepared by Barrett Allen 4-11-16

Minutes accepted by WHC 5-2-16