Westport Historical Commission, Westport, MA

Minutes of the Monday, October 5, 2015 Meeting of the Westport Historical Commission

Chairman William Kendall brought the meeting to order 1905 Hours.

The following people were present representing a quorum:

- 1. William Kendall
- Ted Kinnari
- 3. Janet Jones
- 4. Ken Schadegg
- 5. Jane Loos
- David Paddock

William Kendall selected Ken Schadegg with be acting secretary for our next meeting to be held on Monday, November 2, 2016.

William Kendal noted that Stanley Cornwall had been in contact with him saying that Stanley was resigning due to his commitment to the Westport Commission on Disability.

Regarding the minutes of our last meeting held on September 8, 2015, prepared by Geraldine Millham, Janet Jones made a motion to accept, with minor spelling changes. Ted Kinnari seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

Regarding the Treasurer's Report submitted by Geraldine Millham, Jane Loos made a motion to accept and Janet Jones seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

Ted Kinnari commented on the current location of the Westport Point Historical District sign. Noting that the current location has been the cause of some confusion, he noted that this sign might be moved to prevent this confusion. The improved location is on town property abutting a land owner who is an acquaintance of Jane Loos. Jane Loos will speak to this land owner and inform him of the Commission's wish to move the sign. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

At 1915 Hours, Mr. Robert Bachelder, of 2010 Main Road, and his architect, Chris Fagan came forward to present their proposed change to the barn on Mr. Bachelder's property. As the proposed change is visible from a public way or the water, this change becomes the purview of the Westport Historical Commission. Mr. Bachelder is proposing to add a deck over the existing roof of a potting shed attached to the barn, on the water side of his barn. The commission voiced concerns that the change being presented represents an alteration inconsistent with the barns original design. Mr. Bachelder and his architect will redesign their proposed change and asked for a continuance to bring their altered design to the next meeting. It was noted that in order to come before the next meeting with a revised plan, Mr. Bachelder would have to have his revised plan to the Committee two weeks prior to the next meeting. Architect Chris Fagan said that he would do so.

At 1945 Hours, Mr. Richard Malabre, of 1824 Main Road, came forward to present his plan to remove an old, metal storage shed (10' X 19') with a new, wooden shed (12' x 16') which will occupy the same location. After discussion, Ken Schadegg made a motion to accept Mr. Malabre's proposal. Ted Kinnari seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

At 2000 Hours, Mr. John Bell presented his proposal to restore the "Old Powder House" located at the Head of Westport. He noted he is working with the Westport Historical Society on this project. He noted that this is an early 19th century building created as a result of the War of 1812. John Bell will continue his research, develop a more specific plan and bring this idea back before the Historical Commission at a later date.

Bill Kendall noted that all members of the Westport Historical Commission should look into their membership certification status.

At 2020 Hours, there being no further business to discuss at this time, Jane Loos made a motion to adjourn. Bill Kendall seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

David H. Paddock Acting Secretary