

Weston Historical Commission
4 February 2019 – Community Center

Members present: Alfred Aydelott, Phyllis Halpern, Henry Stone, Steven Wagner, Alicia Primer, Kathryn Scadden

Associate Member present: Adrienne Giske

Also present: John Field, Steve Gaklis, Giovanna Bortolamedi-Georgaklis, Cecily Cassum

Public Comment: none

Next meeting: Wednesday 6 March

Demolition Delay Bylaw

Initial Determination Hearing: 215 Boston Post Road- 1867, Boston Post Road
National Register Historic District

K. Duckham, architect, S. Gaklis, owner

AP moved to find the house significant because of its historic importance, architectural integrity and location in National Register Historic District.

KS seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Owners wish to remove 1980's changes to the rear of the house and restore it. Were not notified of location change for last meeting and missed it. JF stated that this would be combined Initial Determination and Public Hearing. AA asked if proper protocol were being followed. JF stated hearings could be combined. PH asked if owners wished to discuss plans. They did and stated plans for Pella architectural windows to replace 80's windows in rear of house and to match original windows elsewhere, and addition of porch structure to west façade to reference one shown in 1870 photo. AA asked if planned strapping detail was original. Owner stated it was not original but would add depth. HS and AA advised owner on building materials. PH asked about replacement windows and discussed interior storm options. Owners stated that slate would be used on porch roof and wood shutters would be added.

AA moved to impose no delay of demolition because all changes were in character and sympathetic to the house. HS seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Co-Chair of Commission

Alan Fobes resigned as co-chair by letter as of 22 January 2019, as requested by Selectman Chris Houston. Houston suggested that SW should replace AF. HS moved that SW become Co-Chair. KS seconded. All in favor, none opposed. AF to remain as WHC member and treasurer.

Commission Goals

PH stated ongoing work of gathering HC goals and projects for future HC staff. AP stated examples: tax relief for properties with PR, annual Weston History Day. HC to consider at future meeting.

| [Preservation Restriction](#) status updates

261 Merriam Street: PH stated that CPC approved appraisal request.

500 Wellesley Street: PH stated that HC would draft Memo of Understanding (MOU) for house. Con Comm request for \$5M to purchase land will come to May Town Meeting. AA asked why only 2 walls of house would be in MOU. PH stated that owner would donate Preservation Restriction to town and HC would work with his request. SW stated that saving the house could help gain support for request at Town Meeting. AP stated that HC had previously done work on PR for entire house. SW stated that HC should have a voice in discussion. AA stated that process had been very long and scope had changed, but asked that HC continue to work on saving house. SW asked if HC could ask to save more than 2 walls. AG stated that saving only 2 walls would be like Grover Cronin Building in Waltham. PH stated that she would work further with owner.

100 Orchard Avenue & 263 South Avenue: PH stated that Forest and Trails Association wished to unload Preservation Restrictions for these properties. Town Manager is looking into -issues regarding whether the town could hold these Preservation Restrictions, as well as maintenance of Fiske Law Office. In that case, F&TA might agree to hold the PR for Fiske Law Office.

Annual Report PH stated that section were due ASAP.

Case House update: HS reviewed samples of potential floor tiles.

HS asked about any color issues. HS stated that he had suggested that required partitions in 1st floor parlour be wainscoting with glass above to allow room to read as one space, but budget allowed for only a portion of that. Asked if outside funding could be found for completion.

Old Library update: HS stated chandelier finish was available for HC review at Wayland's Yankee Craftsman. PH asked who was paying for work.

Cultural Inventory Project: PH stated that consultant Pam Fox's work continues on completion of Form Bs for inclusion in State MACRIS and that 54 remain outstanding.

Deaccessioning project: PH stated that CPC had funded review and analysis of 111 objects by the WHC's museum consultant, Rebecca Migdal. Her report to be resent to HC for future discussion.

Eric Dray, Preservation Restriction consultant: PH stated that he would make presentation of Secretary of the Interior Standards to HC, PBC and CPC. Cost would be about \$300. Meeting to be scheduled.

Minutes: none.

HS moved to adjourn, AA seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Alicia Primer.