

Members Present: Steve Wagner (SW), John Thompson (JT), Al Aydelott (AA), Henry Stone (HS), Phyllis Halpern (PH)

Staff Present:

Building Inspector John Field (JF), Town Manager Leon Gaumond, Assistant Town Manager Lisa Yanakakis, Assist to Town Manager Kara Fleming, Town Planner Aiu Imaikalani

Others Present:

Select Board members Laurie Bent, Harvey Boshart, & Chris Houston;
Planning Board members Leslie Glynn, Alicia Primer, Steve Oppenheimer, Alex Selvig
Others: Diana Chaplin, Margret Ackerman, Julie & Peter Hyde, Kent Lundberg, Alan Day, Susan Schmick, Lisa Revers

Location: online

Link to Recording: <https://weston.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=4bf2dfdf-fa8d-4ea7-9e2c-29f5379b12ae>

PH called the meeting to order at 9:43 pm, opening a joint meeting of the Historical Commission and the Select Board.

Agenda Items:

Louisa's Wall

Since Town Meeting, the Commission has been working with Leslie Glynn and Michael Harrity to develop a path forward for documenting existing conditions and the repairs needed at the wall. Glynn presented a detailed outline for a preservation restriction. She has spoken with four "wallers" or experts on dry-laid walls, including several from the Stone Trust in Vermont. The goal is to create a document to form the basis of a preservation restriction that will describe the history of the wall, provide photos and drawings, define the construction, and clarify what is needed to repair it now. She has spoken with the town's procurement officer, Charles Young, to begin a plan to obtain bids for this documentation. Fortunately, much of the document can be created by local volunteers. The actual repair work will follow at a later date.

Members of the Select Board speculated as to whether the abutter is still interested in purchasing the wall. They were concerned about the need for the document if the town continues to own the wall, but Commission members and Glynn spoke about its value. All thanked Glynn for her work.

Schematic for Case Schoolhouse

Previously the Commission presented a schematic plan that AA created for the Rand House to show the Select Board that it could be added to in a way that would make it a viable modern house while preserving all its important character-defining features. Tonight, AA presented a similar schematic plan with elevations for the Schoolhouse building. Select Board members thanked AA for his work. For both buildings, these schematics will be used to create envelopes (for both the footprint and the massing) that will be allowed for additions. These permissible future building envelopes will be used as part of future preservation restrictions.

Draft Preservation Deed Restrictions for Three Case Estate Buildings

Select Board members provided approval for the Commission to begin drafting preservation deed restrictions for the three buildings. The consultant's proposed fee is for up to \$6,000. A question was raised about the need for Massachusetts Historical Commission's involvement, but that answer will need to be investigated.

Study Committee for Kendal Common Local Historic District

The Commission has long been concerned about protecting Kendal Common's unique character as a post-WWII community that is significant for its modern architecture and its semi-cooperative neighborhood structure. PH described the reasons why this neighborhood is unique. She noted that there have been some discussions already with residents interested in creating a Local Historic District (LHD) there. Requirements for creating a new LHD are described in MGL Ch 40C and the first step is for the Commission to request the Select Board appoint a Study Committee to provide research into the matter. Because Weston already has the Crescent St LHD Commission, that organization may act as the study committee. AA, who is chair of the CSLHDC said that he would convene a meeting to consider this and would report back to the Select Board in August. SB members

would then need to officially designate the CSLHD as the Kendal Common Local Historic District Study Committee.

Select Board members agreed that Kendal Common neighborhood should be an important preservation concern.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.: Motion by AA, Second by JT, All in favor by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Halpern