



Chelmsford Historical Commission (CHC)

Virtual Meeting, online due to Covid-19

DRAFT July 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Taverna - Chairman, Brian Stripp, Fred Merriam
James Geraghty, David Vigeant, Linda Prescott

Ms. Taverna called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

1. Pre-Demolition Requests:

24, 26, 28, 30 Second Lane- Patrick Larkin

Ms. Taverna noted that the inventories had been forwarded to the members of the commission. Questions re: properties answered by Mr. Larkin, they will be replacing with 4 new homes. The commission asked as a courtesy, could copies of the new plans be given to them for the records.

MOTION: Mr. Vigeant moved to accept the application for demolition of the properties at 24, 26, 28 and 30 Second Lane seconded by Fred Merriam and **so Voted**, motion carried.

91-93 Billerica Road- William Harvey III, John Mello, representative.

Plans to replace 2 units with 2 units, after some discussion it was noted that the application was presented June 11, 2020 no vote needed to be taken this evening. This property will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in August. It was further noted that there should be an updated inventory completed for that meeting.

75 North Road- William Harvey III, John Mello, representative.

The intent of the owner is demolition of property and build 3 units on the same footprint. Discussion and questions-it was noted by Mr. Vigeant that there was a decision on 12/20/2012 that was recorded in the Registry of Deed; Book 2643 page 274, noting that there were stipulations regarding that property, it was to be kept. Ms. Prescott noted that being one of the most historic homes in Chelmsford there may be a public hearing required. It was also noted that an updated inventory needed to be included. Mr. Mello noted that he would be doing research and the Commission will put the property on the agenda for next month.

2. Discussion regarding 1 Billerica Road. (Fiske House and Outbuilding)-Daniel Barton, Katie Enright, Fred Faust, Blair Finnegan, Jan Zakowski, Ben Sawyer, James Weinberg (all present)

Mr. Barton explained the plans for selective demolition of the ell addition, and plans for upgrading and restoration, allowing for entrances and parking. It was noted that members of the commission had recently done a walk through, and

the consensus was that there was that although it was old, there was no historical significance to the addition. Mr. Barton then explained that the team had come up with a location to move the section of the outbuilding keeping it on the property and restoring it, its use unknown at this time. Mr. Barton then shared the plans for the Fiske building.

MOTION: Mr. Vigeant moved to accept the application for selective demolition of the ell addition as submitted, seconded by Fred Merriam and with a roll call vote, 6 yea, 0 nay, motion carries. **So, Voted.**

3. **Historic Preservation By-Law Change Proposed by Planning Board-** Nancy Araway(present)

Ms. Taverna asked if all had received the comments shared by Mr. Belansky, discussion regarding these comments. Ms. Araway asked if the commission is in support of the by-law or did the wording need changing. After discussion, it was a consensus that for the next Planning Board meeting, Ms. Araway would ask for 3 changes: 1). The by-law requires a recommendation by the Historical Commission, 2). Focus on preserving properties built in the 1600-1700's, 3). support it being 2 half acre lots. Members of the CHC will attend the upcoming Planning Board meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms Taverna shared a few corrections, the clerk noted them. **MOTION:** Mr. Stripp moved to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting with the corrections, seconded by Ms. Prescott and **so Voted.**

5. Schedule Walk Arounds of Properties with Preservation Restrictions

Properties at 101 Mill Road, 19 Maple Street, and 66 Graniteville Road- Ms. Taverna will contact the owners to make arrangements to visit the properties in late August or Sept.

6. Ms. Prescott asked about the ground penetrating radar being done at Forefathers Cemetery. A date for this will be put on the agenda for the August meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Stripp moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Prescott and **so voted.**

Meeting adjourned 9:06 by Ms. Taverna

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy A. Metz, Clerk

