



Chelmsford Historical Commission (CHC)

July 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Taverna - Chairman, Linda Prescott, Fred Merriam, Will Arvidson (has not been sworn in for current term), Nancy Araway , Planning Board member, Ken Lefebvre, BOS liaison, Bill

Harvey

There was no quorum so the following are notes from the discussion.

Minute Approval: Minutes could not be approved as there was no quorum.

Historical Preservation Bylaw:

Ms. Prescott wants to include wording for both preservation restrictions and covenants. Ms. Araway bylaw draft includes rear lots and added a relocation clause. Mr. Harvey proposed that only rear lots be proposed to Town Meeting, but after discussion, the Commission members and Ms. Araway feel all changes be submitted at this time, not just rear lots. To present this to Town Meeting, we need documentation - how many houses we've lost since demolition delay bylaw passed, photos will be helpful, and give a list of "at risk" houses. We will need to publicize the reasons for the proposed bylaw to garner needed support at Town Meeting.

9 Acton Road: A developer is proposing a multi-unit, 4-5 story building for this location. This should be discussed at the next Historical Commission meeting. The members present asked that Ms. Taverna write a letter to the Planning Board about our concerns with the way the development fits the neighborhood.

Deb Taverna