



# Chelmsford Historical Commission (CHC)

Virtual Meeting, online due to Covid-19

## June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

Ms. Taverna called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### 1. Pre-Demolition Requests:

65 Hunt Road- Nick and Amanda Imlach (Present)

Ms. Taverna noted that she had sent the Inventory and pre-demo forms to commission members. After some discussion noting that the property was a Greek revival style home that had some historical significance, however the commission understands the need for families to have in-law space. **MOTION:** Mr. Stripp made a motion to approve the demolition request for 65 Hunt road to make way for a new home, seconded by Ms. Prescott and **so Voted.**

### 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)

Ms. Taverna opened discussion noting that this would be an informal discussion re: Fiske House and the outbuilding, and that a Pre-determination form had been submitted. Ms. Enright noted that some of the Commission members had been there on site for a walk through. She noted that it was their intention to improve, and remodel the original Fiske House for use as office space keeping as much of the historical footprint as possible. The back L-shaped addition on the house was not original and they were requesting permission to demo to make room for additional parking and entrances. The entire project includes the Odd Fellows Building- Restaurant and Apartments, and a 32 Unit Condominium project. Mr. Barton-architect, shared the demolition diagram with the members and explained the research that had been done. The outbuilding had been noted in the 1930's as a workshop and had an addition added after. He then shared a picture of the outbuilding noting the area's that had been added later. The project included the demolition of the L-shaped section attached to the Fiske House to make way for additional parking, and the Outbuilding had 2 alternatives. Dismantle the back additional area and leave the original workshop area with repairs, or dismantle and move the entire building to another site. After discussion it was a consensus of the commission that it would pose no objection to the demolition to the L-Shaped portion, however they felt the outbuilding does pose some historical significance and that it would be nice to see it left as part of the property. It would warrant more discussion.

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

Ms. Araway explained that she had sent the newest version to commission members. She had noted that she had put the newest version side by side with the 2019 proposal and noted the changes. After much discussion it was felt that the By-Law in its current form is a good idea and a way to get it on the books, but that over time it can evolve and change to suit the needs of the town.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms Taverna shared a few corrections, the clerk noted them. **MOTION:** Mr. Stripp made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting with the corrections, seconded by Ms. Prescott and **so Voted.**

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

Meeting adjourned 9:02 by Ms. Taverna

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy A. Metz, Clerk