

WELLFLEET HISTORICAL COMMISSION 300 Main Street – Town Hall Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667

The Wellfleet Historical Commission met on August 6, 2020 remotely via Zoom. Members Present: Lydia Vivante, Merrill Mead-Fox, Luke Manning, Tom Siggia, Carol Ubriaco. Member Absent: Nick Watkins Also Present: Sara Korjeff, Liz Kellam, Maria Burks, David Ricketts, Jan Morrissey, Myra and Thor Beck-Baum, Justin Post, Deborah Lewis, Bradford Williams, Cheri Kreske, Cynthia Coccivera, Denise Queally

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

- 1. <u>75 Pine Point Road</u>: Denise Queally presented revised plans which she felt incorporated solutions to the Commission's concerns at the July meeting. The addition is now set back from the historic house by one foot, and the proposed dormers on the historic house were removed. The porch now extends across the entire front of the house. It appeared in the drawings that the roofline of the addition would be at the same height as the historic house. The Commission still has reservations. Lydia moved that the architect redraw the plans to show a shorter roofline on the addition. Ms. Ubriaco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 2. <u>20 Briar Lane</u>: This home is currently under an eighteen-month demolition delay. The Cape Cod Commission has provided support for preservation efforts and has provided alternatives to demolition. Sara Korjeff of the Cape Cod Commission presented four options for renovation by designer Liz Kellam, which would preserve the historic home, meet the zoning requirements, and still provide the business space required by the Beck-Baums. The Beck-Baums offered no reaction to any of the four plans.
- 3. <u>140 Commercial Street:</u> At the July meeting, the Commission suggested to Jeremy and Heather Young that they advertise the historic outbuilding that they wanted to demolish, with the hope that someone would move and re-use the building. The advertisement was successful. A man will dismantle the shed and rebuild it as a photography studio. The Commission would like to get some publicity for this success story.

Because of this success, Ms. Vivante drafted a policy for publicizing historic structures for relocation in hopes of preserving them:

Wellfleet's Demolition Delay bylaw encourages us to "explore and develop acceptable alternatives to demolition such as preservation, renovation, restoration or relocation."

Relocation can sometimes be an acceptable alternative to demolition.

The Wellfleet Historical Commission will publicize properties under a demolition delay or slated for demolition.

Local and regional places for publicizing a relocation currently include the Cape Cod Commission's Demolition Delay Network website, the Provincetown Independent, Provincetown Banner, the Cape Codder and Cape Cod Times newspapers, the social media Wellfleet Community Space, Instagram, and and the Town of Wellfleet website.

Please complete a Historic Property Inventory Form continuation sheet so the relocation of an historic structure is recorded.

Ms. Mead-Fox moved to accept Lydia's draft policy for building relocation and to put it on the town of Wellfleet website. Mr. Siggia seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

4. Tom Siggia proposed a stipend for Lynn Smiledge's intern, who shows promise in the field of historic preservation. It was duly moved and seconded that \$200 be taken from the CPC budget and \$200 from the WHC budget to give the intern a stipend of \$400. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Siggia said the Massachusetts Historical Commission offered money for 30 more Form Bs to be completed by the end of September.

Ms. Ubriaco will contact Sheryl Jaffe of the Wellfleet Historical Society about fees for photos to complete Form Bs and will give information to Mr. Siggia.

5. In an effort to promote positive stories of preservation Ms. Mead-Fox suggested that the Commission create an Instagram account. Ms. Vivante moved to approve the creation of an Instagram account to highlight the Historical Commission's success stories. Ms. Ubriaco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Mead-Fox moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2020. Mr. Siggia seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

It was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Ubriaco, Secretary

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