



WELFLEET HISTORICAL COMMISSION

300 Main Street – Town Hall
Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667

The Wellfleet Historical Commission met on April 6, 2021 remotely via Zoom.

Members Present: Lydia Vivante, Merrill Mead-Fox, James McAuliffe, Gordon Kahn and Lucas Manning. Members Absent: Tom Siggia and Carol Ubriaco.

Also Present: Mark Harmon, Russell Perry, Timothy Curley Egan and Renee Leck and Ric Rovero.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

206 Holbrook Avenue: The proposal to demolish an enclosed screened porch at the rear of the house and install a raised deck was approved at the meeting on March 3, 2021; however, the replacement of two rear windows with a slider was depicted on the rendering but not addressed on the application. Consideration of this component was continued to the meeting of April 6, 2021.

Mark Harmon of Cape Associates presented the proposal, representing the owner. Commission members expressed concern about the scale of the proposed slider, which is composed of undivided panes. Mr. Harmon agreed to return with an alternative more in keeping with the architectural style and tone of the house, such as a sliding French door with divided lights.

Merrill Mead-Fox made a motion for continuance that was seconded by James McAuliffe and approved unanimously.

110 Cannon Hill Road: Russell Perry of Highland Builders presented a proposal to replace the storm panel windows on the front and one side of the enclosed porch at the front of the house with gliding panel windows and replace the door and window on the opposite side with a centrally located door. All of the new windows will align with the top of the new door. The new windows are narrower and longer than the old storm windows and similar in style to the existing windows. The window trim will be replicated in wood on all three sides, and the side with the new door will be shingled as before.

Merrill Mead-Fox made a motion to approve the proposal that was seconded by Gordon Kahn and approved unanimously.

51 Mill Road: Owners Timothy Curley-Egan and Renee Leck) presented a proposal for removal of a chimney. Commission members commented that the chimney is not a major design feature, is not in a significant location, and is not visible from the front of the house.

Lydia Vivante made a motion to approve the removal of the chimney that was seconded by Merrill Mead-Fox and passed unanimously.

15 Squire Pond Lane: Ric Rovero of Engineered Construction International, Inc. presented a proposal to demolish the existing building and construct a new building in the same location with the same footprint and mass, except that the new structure will be somewhat higher than the original because the ceilings must be raised to comply with the building code.

According to the proposal, the architectural features of the new structure including widow locations and styles; eave, rake and cornice details; corner and window trim; siding; and roofing will emulate the original as closely as possible, and salvaged original materials will be used to the maximum extent.

Commission members discussed the condition of the existing structure with Mr. Rovero and the feasibility and reasonableness of preserving all or at least a portion of it.

Following this discussion, Lydia Vivante moved that the Commission consult with Sarah Korjeff, Preservation Specialist at the Cape Cod Commission as the next step. The motion was seconded by Gordon Kahn and approved unanimously.

Lydia Vivante then made a motion for a continuance that was seconded by James McAuliffe and approved unanimously.

20 Briar Lane: . Merrill Mead-Fox continued her monthly communication with the Baums during the demolition delay. There was no response from the Baums.

Wamponaug Grave Site on Great Island: This item was deferred until the meeting on May 5, 2021.

Form B Update: Merrill Mead-Fox reported that more Form B's have been completed and will be assigned for proofreading.

Workshops: Commissioners discussed the possibility of offering a workshop on a topic of interest, such as historic houses in Wellfleet either via Zoom or in-person in keeping with the Commission's mission; however, the recruitment and orientation of new Commission members to fill three vacancies must take precedence in the fall.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2021 were approved unanimously.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,
James McAuliffe

HC: Gordon Kahn, Lucas Manning, James McAuliffe, Merrill Mead-Fox,
Thomas Siggia, Carol Ubriaco, Lydia Vivante