



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

The Wellfleet Historical Commission met remotely via Zoom on May 17, 2023

Members Present: Gordon Kahn Merrill Mead-Fox, James McAuliffe, David Kornetsky, Timothy Curley-Egan. Members Absent: Susan Baker. Also present: Peter McDonald, David Rowell, Suzy Eppley

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. 1546 Baker Avenue (1850): Proposal to move existing house, located in the Wellfleet Center National Register District, ten (10) feet south toward the street, demolish existing one-story extension on the east side and replace it with a two story addition to the house on the east elevation. A new rear stone patio will be connected to the addition with a double sided chimney and “various windows will be replaced in kind.” (Presenter: Peter McDonald, architect). Mr. McDonald shared new drawings that shows that the new connecting link between the original house and the addition has been moved back from the forward facing gable, which will allow for exposure of the roof overhang. (Mr. McDonald indicated that the connecting piece will be set back 1 foot). Ms. Mead-Fox made a motion to accept the revised proposal as is. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kahn and unanimously approved.

2. 19 Schoolhouse Hill Rd (1800): Proposal to add a larger bedroom and dormers on the rear of building to improve headroom for bath, dormers on garage to improve storage (Presenter: David Rowell; Property owner: Katy Eppley).

Mr. McDonald addressed the concerns that the Commission had with the original proposal for the garage by removing the proposed A frame dormer. The WHC clarified that the intent was not to discourage having a dormer in that location, and that a second dormer is acceptable if it was a shed dormer. Mr. Rowell will take that into consideration after speaking with client. The concern about the roof and fenestration on the West elevation were addressed by leaving the window configuration as is on the kitchen extension as well as a clarification that roof pitch would not change. Mr. Kahn made a motion to approve the revised design intent drawings presented tonight, with final approval subject to the WHC’S review of construction documents submitted to the Building Department that are consistent with what was approved tonight.

There was discussion after the contingent approval of 19 School House Rd about how to best ensure that the WHC has an opportunity to review construction plans in those instances where initial approval has been given based on design development drawings alone. It was suggested that the WHC write a letter to town officials asking for a process to be put in place to ensure that this happens. Mr. Kahn and Mr. Curley volunteered to draft a letter.

Correspondence: Ms. Mead-Fox will attempt to schedule the tour of the Breuer house for the afternoon of June 2, which works for all Commissioners present at this meeting.

Next Meeting: June 7th

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Kornetsky, Secretary