



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

The Wellfleet Historical Commission met remotely via Zoom on August 2, 2023

Members Present: Merrill Mead-Fox, James McAuliffe, David Kornetsky, Gordon Kahn, Catherine Andrews. Members absent: Timothy Curley-Egan. Also present: Dennis and Elizabeth Murphy, Gary Lucas.

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. 151 Hamblen Farm Road (1750 original home; 1850 right hand wing; 1960 left hand wing): Proposal to demolish original 1750 home and replace it with like materials due to structural impairment. Plan includes new wiring and plumbing, new interior walls, ceilings, and floors, new kitchens and bathrooms, new exterior siding. (Property Owners: Dennis and Elizabeth Murphy). It was clarified by the owners that the structure to be demolished is the ell and shed that are perpendicular to the full Cape. Commissioners were concerned that the proposed replacement structure would not replicate the style, scale and patina of the original building due to building code requirements, and were unconvinced that demolition was the only option since the engineering report left open the possibility of preservation through remediation. Commissioners also suggested that, if it is determined that preservation in the current location is not possible, moving the ell and attaching it to the barn might be an option, as would incorporating as much as possible of the ell's original materials into the new structure. Ms. Mead-Fox made a motion for a continuance until the next WHC meeting in order for Mr. Kahn, Mr. Curley-Egan (if available) and the owner to do a walk-through of the building. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kahn and unanimously approved.

2. Update of WHC page on Town website (McAuliffe, Kornetsky, and Andrews). Web changes cannot be finalized until the Attorney General's Office approves the amended DDB. All changes are ready to go with the exception of an outstanding piece of webpage copy that Ms. Andrews will forward to Ms. Merrill-Fox. It was also agreed that the Street Survey Index should be added to the webpage given that it is specifically referred to in the amended DDB.

3. Recruitment of new member. A person with strong Outer Cape roots who is known to Mr. Kahn is moving to Wellfleet. Mr. Kahn believes that she would be a good addition to the WHC.

Minutes: Mr. Kahn moved to accept the 7/12/2023 and 7/26/2023 WHC minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Mead-Fox and approved unanimously.

Next meeting: 9/6/2023

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Kornetsky, Secretary