

Weymouth Historical Commission
Record of Minutes and Proceedings

Monday, February 23, 2015
Kelly Room, Second Floor
Town Hall
75 Middle Street
Weymouth, MA
7:00 PM

Members Present: Ed Walker, Chairman
Rodney Lundin, Vice Chairman
Don Mathewson
Mike Murphy
Cathy Torrey

Members Absent: Jodi Purdy-Quinlan
Nancy Cameron

Also Present: Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator
Julie Burt, Recording Secretary
Thomas Nutley, Presenting in Regards to 1119 Front Street

Public Hearing: Testimony by Applicant for Demolition Permit for 1119 Front Street, Deliberation and Vote Under Demolition Delay Ordinance

The Chairman called the public hearing to order at 7PM. Thomas Nutley was present in regards to 1119 Front Street. Mr. Nutley provided the members of the Commission with photographs and plans of the property located at 1119 Front Street. Mr. Nutley purchased the property which was a single family home, converted to 4 apartments on 2.4 acres. His plan is to remove the existing building, subdivide the property into three lots, and build three new townhouses on each of the three lots. He is before the Commission in regards to his wish to demolish the existing building, which is covered under the demolition delay ordinance.

Chairman Walker stated that the house was built in the 1840's by the Wilson Tirrell Family and resembles the homes on Mill Street.

Commissioner Lundin voiced his recommendation that the original house, not including the additions, not be demolished but rather relocated on the lot, renovated, and restored.

Commissioner Torrey suggested that if the original house cannot be relocated, renovated, and restored, that the new construction be built to look like the façade of the original house.

Mr. Nutley stated that he fully understands the Commission's recommendations and will look first into the possibility of moving and restoring the original house. If that will be cost prohibitive, he will work with the architect in regards to designing the new townhouses to maintain the façade of the original house. Mr. Nutley will return to the Commission with these results at the meeting on March 10, 2015.

A motion was made by Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, and unanimously voted:
Demolition of the house at 1119 Front Street would be detrimental to this significant building. Therefore, no permit will be issued until the proponent appears on March 10, 2015, with a revised plan to either preserve the actual building, façade of existing building, or incorporated the façade into the appearance of the new building at which time a final decision will be rendered.

Call to Order

There being a quorum of the Commission, the Chairman called the meeting of the Historical Commission to order at 7:58PM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Lundin, and unanimously voted to accept the minutes of January 15, 2015, as written.

Old Business

Sword Case Update

Commissioner Walker will provide Commissioner Torrey with the contact information for the family who donated the sword so that she may contact them in regards to the celebration in June.

Emery Estate

Commissioner Torrey reported that she is very excited about the February 24, 2015, meeting in the Mayor's Office pertaining to the Emery Estate.

New Business

Large Canoe Case

Commissioner Lundin reported that he has been in contact with a consultant in regards to options for a new canoe case. He will be speaking with the consultant later this week. Commissioner Murphy commented that he likes the level of the current case but that it is not the proper lighting. There was also discussion as to the basement of the Fogg Library being the best place for the canoe to be housed. Chairman Walker stated that the narrative for the canoe will also be updated when the case is updated. There will be more information and discussion at the next meeting.

Announcements

Commissioner Torrey provided a handout and reported on two upcoming programs by the Abigail Adams Historical Society. The first is on February 26, 2015, regarding slavery at the Abigail Adams Birthplace and the second will be held on March 7, and is an author panel featuring Megan Marshall and Eve LaPlante.

Next Meeting

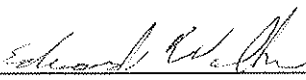
The next meeting of the Weymouth Historical Commission will be held on March 10, 2015.

Adjournment

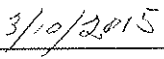
A motion to adjourn at 8:30PM was made by Commissioner Torrey, seconded by Commissioner Lundin, and unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie S. Burt



Edward Walker, Chairman



Date