

**Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting of October 18, 2021**

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 18, beginning at 4:00 PM. Present from the Commission were Chairman Carl Sprague, Gary Johnston, Chantal Rhind, Lisa Sauer and Secretary Peter Williams. Also present was Selectboard member Patrick White. The meeting's agenda, date, time and place were duly posted by the Town Clerk on the Town website at least two business days in advance of the meeting. Chairman Sprague presided over the meeting.

**Minutes**

The Commission unanimously approved the draft minutes of its meeting of July 27, 2021.

**8 Mahkeenac Terrace**

This matter involved an Application for Demolition ("the Application") with respect to the Cottage at 8 Mahkeenac Terrace ("the Cottage") owned by Matthew Deres and Shanny Porras.

Attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of the Application were owner Deres and the owners' attorneys, Andrew Hochberg and Shaun Mahoney. The Commission reviewed a current photograph of the Cottage (which is on piers), as well as the Assessor's Property Card therefor. That Card indicates that the construction date of the Cottage is 1962. Mr. Williams reported that there are no records in the Town or Commonwealth Historical Commission relating to the Cottage.

The Commission discussed the matter and asked questions. The Application also included plans for a replacement structure, but the Commission noted that review and/or approval of any new construction is not within its jurisdiction.

Following these presentations and discussions, the Commission unanimously determined that the Cottage is not a Significant Historic Building as defined in Section 2.6 of Article XXII of the Town Bylaws.

**Other**

Mr. Sprague reported that there recently have been some significant alterations made to the St. Paul's rectory house on Main Street next to the church. The work includes new siding and the removal of historic trim and other historic architectural features. Mr. Sprague checked with the Building Inspector, who stated that he had issued a permit for the work without referring the matter to the Commission. Mr. Sprague advised the Inspector that new siding of greater than 500 square feet, as well as other alterations, particularly on a major historic structure in the Main Street National Register Historic District, requires Commission review. Mr. Sprague will prepare a draft letter to the Inspector for the Commission's review making this clear.

**Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:32 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts

November 13, 2021

Peter C. Williams

Peter C. Williams, Secretary