

**Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting of October 16, 2023**

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a Zoom meeting on Monday, October 16, beginning at 4:00 PM. Present from the Commission were Chairman Carl Sprague, Jorja Marsden, Chantal Rhind, Pam Sandler and Secretary Peter Williams. 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 August 21, 2023.

**35 Church Street**

The Commission considered an Application for Alteration with respect to the House ("the House") at 35 Church Street, owned by Tom and Ann Wool. The application was presented by the Wool's architect, Thomas Fenniman.

The Commission members had previously reviewed the Application and its supporting materials (including attached drawings and plans), and Mr. Fenniman summarized them at the meeting. The House (STO.417) is a contributing building to the Church Street potential historic district, and parts of it date from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The House was significantly damaged last winter by a falling tree, and the Application mostly seeks to restore the structure to its original appearance, with modest changes. Based upon the presentations made and documents reviewed at the meeting, the Commission unanimously determined by a roll call vote that the proposed alterations to the House as depicted in the proposed plans do not constitute "Substantial Alteration" thereof as defined in Section 2.7 of Article XXII of the Town Bylaws (Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay).

**25 Church Street**

The Commission next considered an Application for Alteration and Demolition with respect to the Garage and Adjacent House at 25 Church Street, owned by Jane Weber. The Application was presented by the owner's designer, Geoff Simpson.

The Commission members had previously reviewed the Application and its supporting materials (including attached drawings and plans), and Mr. Simpson summarized them at the meeting. The application is to demolish the Garage and to significantly alter the present appearance of the Adjacent House. The Garage is not a contributing structure to the Church Street potential historic district (STO.T), but the Adjacent House is. The Application included a couple of different possible designs for alterations to the Adjacent House, and Mr. Simpson stated that the Owner had not yet made final decisions. The Commission reacted generally positively to the potential alternatives, while making some suggestions; however, the Commission determined that it could not consider the Application until a final proposal is submitted.

The the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
November 19, 2023

Peter C. Williams  
Peter C. Williams, Secretary