

Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of April 12, 2021

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting via Zoom on Monday, April 12, beginning at 4:00 PM. Present from the Commission were Chairman Carl Sprague, Jorja Marsden, 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 Carl Sprague presided over the meeting.

Minutes

The Commission unanimously approved the draft minutes of its meeting of February 22/March 1, 2021.

78 Interlaken Road

This matter involved an Application for Alteration ("the Application") with respect to the house at 78 Interlaken Road ("the House") owned by Jonathan and Shari Turell. The proposed alterations are described in plans and elevations numbered SP1-SP3, A1, A2, and H1-H4, dated 3.29.21 and prepared by Green River Design (collectively the "Plans") and were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting.

Attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of the Application were the owners, their attorney Lori Robbins, their historic preservation consultant Ray Warner and their architect David Potter; also present was contractor Gregg Wellenkamp. Ms. Robbins acknowledged that the House (circa 1810) is a "significant historic building" as defined in the Town bylaw. It is listed both individually and as part of the Interlaken Road potential historic district in the records of the Massachusetts Historic Commission. However, the applicants made a presentation that the proposed alterations do not constitute "substantial alterations" as defined in the bylaw, as they do not compromise the historic features of the House and in fact enhance and restore them. The proposed addition in the back, to replace the present (quite recent) addition, is clearly defined to set it off from the historic part of the House.

The Commission discussed the matter and asked several questions. The Commission expressed the view that the proposed single-width shutters on the west side of the historic structure seem out of place, and the Commission would have no objection to their being modified or dropped.

Following presentation and discussion, the Commission unanimously determined that the proposed alterations as described in the Plans do not constitute a "Substantial Alteration" of the House as defined in Section 2.7 of Article XXII of the Town Bylaws.

New Business

Carl updated the Board on a Planning Board meeting that he had attended, where the Board discussed possible changes to the Town's present Cottage Era Estates bylaw.

The Commission briefly discussed the status of the alteration project at 5 East Street. Pam volunteered to ask Ned Baldwin for a copy of the construction drawings.

Peter reported to the Commission that he had been invited by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to write a piece for its Preservation Leadership Forum blog. It can be viewed at <https://forum.savingplaces.org/blogs/special-contributor/2021/05/12/a-strong-demolition-delay-by-law-in-stockbridge>.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:29 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts
July 24, 2021

Peter C. Williams
Peter C. Williams, Secretary