

Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
June 25, 2020

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting via Zoom on Thursday, June 25, beginning at 4:00 PM. Present from the Commission were Chairman Carl Sprague, Jay Rhind, Lisa Sauer and Secretary Peter Williams. Commission members Marsden (as an abutter) and Sandler (having done work for the applicants) had previously recused themselves from the matter and were not present. Mr. Sprague, also an abutter, had filed a disclosure of his that potential conflict. Present for the applicants was their attorney, Shawn Leary. 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.

Minutes

The Commission unanimously approved the draft minutes of its meeting of June 8, 2020.

5 East Street / Weybourne Hill

Following up on its June 8 meeting, the Commission next reviewed a draft "Recommendation Pursuant to Article XXII of Town Bylaws," dated 6/24/20 1PM (the "Recommendation") that had been circulated by Commission Secretary, Mr. Williams, on the 24th. The Recommendation closely followed the discussion, reasoning and unanimous vote of the Commission at its June 8 meeting regarding the May 2020 Application for Demolition of the primary residence at 5 East Street, historically known as Weybourne Hill. That vote found that Weybourne Hill is a Significant Historic Building under Section 2.6 of Article XXII. As observed by the Commission at its June 8 meeting, Section 3.5 of Article XXII requires the Commission to present its conclusions in a writing, and the Commission had asked Mr. Williams to prepare a draft writing for review by the Commission at a subsequent meeting.

The Commission discussed the draft writing and answered some questions by attorney Leary. The Commission then unanimously approved and adopted the draft as embodying its reasoning and decision, and the Commission directed Mr. Williams to finalize the Recommendation and to transmit it to the Building Inspector as required by the Bylaw.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:26 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts
July 19, 2020

Peter C. Williams
Peter C. Williams, Secretary