

Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
October 26, 2020

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 26, beginning at 4:00 PM. Present from the Commission were Chairman Carl Sprague, Jorja Marsden, Pam Sandler, Lisa Sauer and Secretary Peter Williams. Ms. Sandler recused herself from the Cove Lane matter, and Mr. Sprague recused himself from the Yale Hill Road matter. 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 September 21, 2020.

22 Yale Hill Road

This matter involved an Application for Demolition of a barn (“the Barn”) at 22 Yale Hill Road, filed with the Commission on October 21, 2020. The application was filed by Chauncey and Elizabeth Hazen, the owners of the property. The owners presented on behalf of their application, including reviewing photographs of the Barn and plans for the replacement thereof. The owners reported that the neighbors have no objection to the proposed demolition and replacement. The estimated date of the barn is mid-20th century. Mr. Williams reported that the Barn is not listed as contributing to the Yale Hill potential historic district. Based upon the presentations made and documents reviewed at the meeting, the Commission determined by a unanimous vote that the Cottage is not a Significant Historic Building under Article XXII of the Town Bylaws (Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay).

4 Cove Lane

The Commission next considered an Application for Demolition with respect to the cottage (“the Cottage”) at 4 Cove Lane, filed with the Commission on October 16, 2020. The application was filed by architect Pamela Sandler on behalf of Mary Catherine Bacon, owner of the property. Ms. Sandler spoke in favor of the application. The Commission reviewed photographs of the Cottage; Ms. Sandler reported that the replacement will be similar in size and style, possibly reusing the current chimney.

The estimated date of the Cottage is 1939. It is not listed in any Historical Commission records. Based upon the presentations made and documents reviewed at the meeting, the Commission determined by a unanimous vote that the Cottage is not a Significant Historic Building under Article XXII of the Town Bylaws (Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay).

Various

The Commission discussed the desirability of the creation of more Massachusetts Historical Commission-quality reports on other potentially historic buildings and areas in Town not yet covered by current reports. Mr. Williams reported that such work is a priority of the Town Historical Commission.

The Commission also discussed the fact that Elm Court is now back on the market. As the Commission previously has found Elm Court to be an important and significant building, the Commission will keep an eye on developments related to Elm Court.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:29 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts
December 7, 2020

Peter C. Williams
Peter C. Williams, Secretary