



TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Minutes

Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

*Commission
Members*

Jeanne Johnson,
Chair

Paul Russell, Vice
Chair

Eugene Liscombe,
Treasurer,
Representative to
Community
Preservation
Committee

Cher Hamilton,
Member

McKenzie Ward,
Member

Morgan Harris,
Member

Rich Eustis,
Member

Members in Attendance (virtually): Jeanne Johnson, Cher Hamilton, Paul Russell, Gene Liscombe, Rich Eustis, Morgan Harris

Members Absent: McKenzie Ward

Others Present (virtually): Barbara Saint Andre, Director of Community and Economic Development; Owners of 288 Village Street, Tony and Dawn Leland; Jeffrey Lynch, Fire Chief, Michael Fasolino, Deputy Fire Chief, Michael Boynton, Town Administrator, Maryjane White, Chair, Select Board

Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Chair, Jeanne Johnson at 7:01 PM.

Members introduced themselves as well as others present.

I. Demolition applications to consider

Discussion of Demo application for 288 Village: Owners Tony and Dawn Leland discussed the property and their plans. Paul Russell recused himself during this discussion and the vote on the historical significance of the house. The house was built in 1721, has had many repairs and renovations, and is currently wrapped with vinyl siding. It is not in a historic district. There is nothing visible from the outside that is original to the 1721 structure, and the only original part may possibly be the attic floorboards. The building inspector issued a statement indicating the house is badly deteriorated, the foundation is crumbling, and demolition is the best solution. It was a two-family until 1989 and was then renovated to a single-family house. The Lelands plan to build a two-family house.

Please see attachment for more information.

On a motion made by Gene, seconded by Rich, by roll call vote the Historical Commission voted the property is not historically significant.

Gene Liscombe	Aye	Cher Hamilton	Aye	Rich Eustis	Aye
Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Morgan Harris	Aye		

After the vote Mr. & Mrs. Leland left the meeting and Paul returned.

II. Consider Designating a 1964 Maxim Fire pumper as an historic resource; also discuss fall town meeting article to fund restoration of the pumper.

Town Manager, Michael Boynton, discussed the importance and details of the fire pumper.
Please see attachment and photos.
Two votes were taken on the 1964 Fire Engine:

On a motion made by Paul, seconded by Gene, by roll call vote, the Historical Commission voted the engine is a historic resource for the Town of Medway.

Gene Liscombe	Aye	Cher Hamilton	Aye	Rich Eustis	Aye
Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Morgan Harris	Aye	Paul Russell	Aye

On a motion made by Rich, seconded by Cher, by roll call vote, the Historical Commission endorses funding restoration of the 1964 Fire Engine using CPA funds.

Gene Liscombe	Aye	Cher Hamilton	Aye	Rich Eustis	Aye
Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Morgan Harris	Aye	Paul Russell	Aye

Historical Commission voted to move the November HC meeting (in person at the Senior Center) from Nov. 24 to Nov. 17 because the 24th is the night before Thanksgiving. The October 27 meeting will take place at 7 pm at the Senior Center. Paul will chair the meeting.

III. Minutes to consider – September 22, 2021

Defer until the October meeting.

V. CPC Report (Gene Liscombe)

Gene missed the meeting but stated he would share the minutes from the meeting.

On a motion made by Paul; seconded by Cher, the Historical Commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Gene Liscombe	Aye	Cher Hamilton	Aye	Rich Eustis	Aye
Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Morgan Harris	Aye	Paul Russell	Aye

Next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Mitchell, Recording Secretary

See attachments to these minutes.

These minutes were approved at the October 27, 2021 meeting.