



TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Minutes

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom

*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, Gene Liscombe, Cher Hamilton, Morgan Harris, Paul Russell, McKenzie Ward

Members Absent: Rich Eustis

Others Present (virtually): Barbara Saint Andre, Director of Community and Economic Development; Katherine Mitchell, Recording Secretary; Karl Boczanowski (28 Milford St.); Paul Seferian (47 Winthrop St.)

Gene, Cher, Morgan, Kenzie, and Jeanne announced themselves

I. Meeting was called to order by Historical Commission Chair, Jeanne Johnson at 7:02 PM.

II. Demolition applications to consider

A. New application to demolish: 28 Milford Street – Mr. Boczanowski stated that the house is very small for a large family. Jeanne commented that the house is approaching 100 years old. It is not located in a historic district but is very close to the Rabbit Hill National Historic District. Cher questioned how much land it sits on- about one-quarter acre. Mr. Boczanowski's father granted another 1.7 acres and he now has about two acres. He plans to build a larger home. The house does not have remarkable architectural features, and its removal will not affect the streetscape. It is near a busy intersection with several modern houses nearby.

On a motion made by McKenzie, seconded by Gene, the Historical Commission voted that the home at 28 Milford Street is not historically significant to the Town of Medway and the Historical Commission will have no further involvement in the property.

Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Paul Russell	Aye	Gene Liscombe	Aye
Cher Hamilton	Aye	Morgan Harris	Aye	Kenzie Ward	Aye

B. New application to demolish: 47 Winthrop Street – Paul Seferian. Built in 1845, the land is near but separate from Shady Oaks Farm and consists of ten acres. The owners want to demolish the house and replace it with a ranch home. Mr. Seferian was asked if he knew the history of the house; it has been in his family since 1932 and has had additions, but he does not know any other history. It is in a rural area, not in a historic district and is not mentioned in the historic survey of Medway properties prepared in the mid-1990's. There being no remarkable architecturally historical features about the house, Paul Russell stated he sees no reason that it be declared historically significant to the town.

On a motion made by Paul, seconded by Gene, the Historical Commission voted that 47 Winthrop Street is not historically significant and the Historical Commission will have no further involvement in the property.

Paul Russell	Aye	Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Gene Liscombe	Aye
Cher Hamilton	Aye	Morgan Harris	Aye	Kenzie Ward	Aye

C. The HC received no further information about windows or other alterations to the house at **166 Village Street**, which was brought up at our April 7th meeting.

III. Minutes to consider – April 7, 2021. Defer to May 26, 2021 Meeting

IV. Treasurer's report (Gene Liscombe)

No change. Gene receives a statement every month from the Town Accountant; our balance remains \$2,500.

V. CPC Report (Gene Liscombe) No CPC Meeting has been held since the HC April 7th meeting.

VI. Old business

A. Spring Town Meeting Articles (Annual Town Meeting is May 10, 2021)

CPC will recommend Town Meeting approval of our articles. Warrant is posted on the town website. The CPC article– Article 17, includes \$3,500 for cemetery and park flag poles and \$5,000 for fencing at the historic Garnsey foundation site/Dog Park. CPC suggested a \$12,000 request to allow for possible higher costs as the projects proceed. Favorable votes came from Select Board and Finance committee, also.

B. Evergreen Cemetery –nothing new since our April 7th meeting.

C. Plaques/Markers for Historic Medway Sites

This is an ongoing project for Historical Commission. Update: Cher has been working on this project with two members of the Historical Society. They will go to the Library when it opens later this month. Cher will check with Tim to get an update on the digitizing project. If they come up with additional sites for our list of historic sites, please add to the list.

New Business

A. Possibility of installing flexible wraps featuring historic Medway sites around certain traffic boxes and other visible utility structures that must be accessible publicly for maintenance purposes. Paul has been in touch with Medfield and Millis, where this has been done. Discussed briefly at our last meeting.

Update: Paul stated he does not have pricing yet. Jeanne mentioned this would be appreciated at intersections with foot traffic. Corner of 109 and Holliston Street. Possibly by Restaurant 45 – people going in and out.

B. Jeanne stated that in-person meetings may be possible soon. Barbara spoke with Courtney Riley at Senior Center. She believes it's possible to hold in person meetings there. Courtney instructed members to stay 6 feet apart and wear a mask. They will be responsible for sanitizing the area, before and after.

On a motion made by Paul, seconded by Cher, the Historical Commission voted to hold the next meeting (May 26, 2021 @ 7 PM) at the Senior Center. The vote was 4 in favor, 2 not in favor. We will hold our May 26 meeting at the Senior Center, following protocols as directed.

Paul Russell	Aye	Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Gene Liscombe	Nay
Cher Hamilton	Nay	Morgan Harris	Aye	Kenzie Ward	Aye

On a motion made by Kenzie; seconded by Gene, the Historical Commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Jeanne Johnson	Aye	Paul Russell	Aye	Gene Liscombe	Aye
Cher Hamilton	Aye	Morgan Harris	Aye	Kenzie Ward	Aye

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Mitchell, Recording Secretary