

## **Historical Commission 3/7/22**

Members present: Peter Johnson, Charlie Minott, Judy Grecco, Chris Haraden (remote)

Caleb Estabrooks arrived at 7:04 pm

Others present: Steve Ryerson, Kenton Greene, John M. (all remote)

Hybrid Meeting - Town Hall and via Zoom

Recorded and called to order at 7:01 pm

**Review and approve minutes** from last meeting on Feb. 8, 2022.

Motion by Charlie to approve with no changes

Second by Judy

Vote 4-0 (vote taken prior to Caleb's arrival)

**733 Main Street update.** David DeGhetto has been working with us on finding a new location. He is on the Norwell Historical Commission, which also meets tonight, which is why he cannot be here. Peter and others met preservation carpenter Michael Burrey at the house a few days ago. Trustee was at the meeting and had not spoken with the family about whether their plans had changed due to the death of the person who would have lived in the single home that was going to be built. Surprising news from the site was that the older section of the house extends from the back to the front; the newer part is to the left of the front door. It was renovated to look like a Federal-style home, facing southward like an 18th century home would be. This means that the older house is larger than we thought.

David DeGhetto is working with an attorney on documents involving him purchasing the building to move it. Michael Burrey also believes that the outbuildings are newer than we originally believed.

David DeGhetto has also been in touch with Fred Adami regarding buying property on Union Street to move the house. Lot is one mile away from the Main Street site.

From remote, Ken Greene, 511 Washington St. Doesn't like the idea of putting the house across Main Street, as was mentioned as an option as a landowner has several acres that could be subdivided. He endorses the Union Street property; Peter thanked him for making the connection with Fred Adami.

**Town weights and measures scale.** Basement has a cabinet of scales and the town manager is asking for advice about how to preserve and display these items in town hall. Commissioners present in the room went to the basement to look at the items. Caleb will put a request on the historical commission listserv to ask others for their recommendations, also visit other towns to see what they have done. Judy will look at Whitman-Hanson and Scituate.

**Establishing local historic districts.** No update.

**103 Center Street.** Peter and some members of the Commission and the director of the Historical Society toured the home. A real estate agent suggested that there may be antiques of

interest to the town; those who took the tour reported that the items did not interest the Commission or Society. The house itself is old and needs work, and has been altered over the years. If the house is offered for sale and the buyer wishes to replace it, the home would definitely fall under the demolition delay review process. There has been no action of that type as yet.

**Map for historic house survey.** Charlie created a map showing the houses that have been looked at during phases one and two of the historic resources inventory by PAL Associates. He also compared the current MACRIS data to show which had not been re-surveyed.

PAL did 144 houses in 2018

PAL did 133 houses in 2020

Some houses with older MACRIS numbers have not been redone; there are about 130 left.

Most of Four Corners has been surveyed.

Peter and Charlie will review the records and come up with a full list of what is left to be done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.