

Wiscasset Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes, 7/6/17

Present: Gordon Konrath, Susan Blagden, Wendy Donovan

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

2) Consideration of minutes

Susan moved to approve the minutes of the 6/29/17 minutes with amended spelling. The motion passed 3-0.

3) Certificate of Appropriateness review

a. Lee St – Tax Map U01, Lot 54: new construction. Al completed his site walk on 7/5/17. The contractor presented a sample of the siding being used, and indicated that the applicant had decided to go with a wider corner treatment to be more in keeping with nearby historic homes. Wendy suggested leaving off the shutters since it would be difficult to proportion them in a way to make them look like real functioning shutters. Al moved to approve the COA as presented with the addition of the wider corner treatment, wider front porch, and no shutters. The motion passed 3-0.

b. 62 Water St – amendment of original COA from 8/6/16: structural issues were discovered that required changing the height of the proposed garage to accommodate a new carrying beam. Susan moved to approve the amended COA as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

c. 14 Warren St – Tax Map U01, Lot 010: replace picket fencing, add plastic fencing material in dense foliage area, porch gate, garage lights. Wendy moved to approve the COA as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

4) Public comment

There was no public comment.

5) Other business

Al expressed concern at the lack of a planning department. A petition has been submitted to the town to reinstate the planning department, and it should go to a vote at a special town meeting. The process could take 2-3 months. In the meantime the HPC has no administrative support, and we are working at a disadvantage being down 2 members.

6) Drafting of letter the Board of Selectmen regarding the Historic Preservation Ordinance

Susan provided notes from the discussion at our previous meeting. Wendy brought some online resources concerning the value of historic preservation. (Both files attached) Susan will take these materials and create a draft letter.

A working meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 20 to complete the letter. There was some discussion as to whether we would be able to meet the deadline of the original letter from the town manager, given the requirements for meeting with the Planning Board and the ORC and the required public notifications associated with that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm

The next commission meeting will be Thursday, July 20 at 5:00 pm.