

LANDMARKS and HISTORIC DISTRICTS BOARD

Meeting Minutes September 17, 2019
Town Council Conference Room, Second Floor
Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Road, Southampton

Board Members Present – Ed Wesnofske, Stephanie Davis, Susan Sherry Clark, Bill Heine, Tim Ganetis, Martha Greene, Jeffrey Gibbons, Sarah Pleat,

Absent – Vicki Kahn, Janice Jay Young

Liaisons – David Wilcox, Planning Director; Janet Johnson, Administrative Support

Guests:

- Harry Sandler – Community Member representing Bridgehampton and inquiring about the Bridgehampton Historic District
- Nancy Thayer – Community Member representing Bridgehampton and inquiring about the Bridgehampton Historic District
- Tim Sieger – Contractor representing 156 Church Lane, Bridgehampton
- Peter Wilson – Contractor representing 156 Church Lane, Bridgehampton

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

The agenda was changed to accommodate guests in attendance.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

156 Church Lane, Bridgehampton – Member Wesnofske drafted and circulated a report prior to the meeting. He spoke of the structure, confirmed its AYB was 1845, and explained what is proposed. He suggested that the renovation will change the original character and be a substantial change to the front. Guest Tim Sieger explained that they are trying to do everything to preserve the structure instead of demolishing it, and if they do not get variance for the garage then they will continue without garage. Also the footprint will remain the same. The LHDB reached a consensus to object to the proposed construction as the renovation proposed will significantly alter distinctive historical features of the house.

MINUTES

Changes were made to the August 20, 2019 minutes prior to the meeting. Member Pleat motioned to approve the August minutes, Member Clark seconded and all members present were in favor.

DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

84 Old Country Road, East Quogue – Member Heine drafted and circulated a report prior to the meeting. He spoke of the structure and its history and noted that the structures at 84 & 86 Old Country Road used to be on the same property. He noted that the architect reported the foundation and framing to be in poor condition, but the pictures submitted did not show these conditions. He noted that although the exterior materials are not original, the property appears to meet some criteria for consideration of landmark designation. The LHDB reached a consensus to not object to the proposed demolition, but to recommend adaptive re-use of historic materials on the property and/or to donate.

74 Cedar Lane, Remsenburg – Member Ganetis recused himself from the meeting. Member Davis drafted and circulated a report prior to the meeting. She spoke of the property’s history and the structures on property. This property was listed in the Historic Resource Survey and also the Hamlet Heritage Report. Member Davis noted that the structure proposed for demolition did not appear in poor condition as it states in the application, but it also does not appear to be of historical significance. The LHDB reached a consensus to not object to the proposed demolition, and to recommend repurposing or donating the structure.

47 Wood Road Trail, Flanders – After an initial review, the LHDB (Members Young, Wesnofske, Davis, Ganetis) determined that this application does not warrant further review.

5 Long Beach Lane, Sag Harbor – Member Gibbons made a site visit. He spoke of the structure and noted that there were many additions over the years. The LHDB reached a consensus to not object to the proposed demolition.

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1710 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Tpk., Sag Harbor – Member Wesnofske spoke of the proposed construction and described structure as a small guest cottage used for a Bed & Breakfast. It appears there is no historic character to the cottage and is not listed in the Historic Resource Study. Member Clark inquired if the proposed addition would be blocked by the main house. Member Wesnofske responded that due to the extensive landscaping, the addition will not be seen. The LHDB reached a consensus to not object to the proposed construction.

127 Inlet Road West, Hampton Bays – After an initial review, the LHDB (Members Clark and Davis) determined that this application does not warrant further review.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Tuttle-Fordham Mill – Member Davis drafted and circulated a resolution to the board for review for the COA Addendum. She read the resolution and pointed out particular items for discussion. Member Davis noted that the work performed was done very well and also that the owner is occupying the original Mill Building, but still waiting for tenants. Member Wesnofske motioned to approve the resolution for the COA Addendum, Member Gibbons seconded and all members present were in favor.

Lyzon Hat Shop – Member Pleat will have the COA application at the next meeting.

Big Duck – Member Wesnofske read and discussed the draft COA resolution concerning the historic plaque. Member Ganetis motioned to approve the resolution, Member Wesnofske seconded and all members present were in favor.

618 Sagaponack Main Street (Madoo) – Postponed

REFERRALS - None

PENDING LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS

121 South Rd, Westhampton – No news

8 Studio Lane, Art Village – No news

Bridgehampton Historic District – Guests Harry Sandler and Nancy Thayer attended the meeting to inquire about the designation of Bridgehampton Historic District. Guest Nancy Thayer explained that she has a family business in Bridgehampton and is concerned about having too

many restrictions and not sure of the future of the business if the District is designated. Member Wesnofske explained that the process is slow moving and there is much need for volunteer efforts. He described the idea of having a designated historic district and noted that it would protect the façade of main street. He noted that a lot of dynamics would go into forming a historic district. For example, small footprint buildings would need rules allowing for expansion. After much discussion, Guest Nancy suggested that it would be good to get the community excited about the idea.

OTHER MATTERS

Demolition and Construction List Update – In Progress

ZBA/PB/ARB/CB Pending Applications

- ZBA –
- 8 Vail Ave, East Quogue – 2-lot subdivision
- 75A Baycrest Ave, Westhampton – swimming pool
- 801 Montauk Hwy, Quiogue – Proposed encroachment
- 431 Magee St., Tuckahoe – two-story accessory structure

Draft memo re: demolition without a permit – suspended

Maintenance Program for landmarks owned by non-profits – No news. Need to draft language for churches.

Remsenburg Academy – Inquiry needs to be referred to the Town Attorney office.

NEW BUSINESS

Deconstructed Barn (Capt. John Hulbert Warehouse) from Topping Rose Inn – Member Greene drafted and circulated a brief summary with pictures to explain the barn situation. The barn was deconstructed, moved, and left exposed with protruding nails on the Bridgehampton Archive Property, which is Town-owned. Over the years some of the wood has been stolen and the remaining materials are deteriorating and overgrown with vegetation. There is a playground on the same property and, therefore, a danger to the public. Member Greene explained that someone in the community is interested in the wood. The situation was discussed and it was suggested to find out who actually owns the deconstructed building, inquire if there are Town agencies that have involvement, and determine if there is a steward.

Member Clark noted the links have been updated on the webpages. She also noted the Tupper Boat House received a bid to lift and stabilize the structure, which will now go before the Town Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2019