

Town of Harwich
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Historic District and Historical Commission
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Small Hearing Room
Public Hearing

I. Public Hearing-Call to Order

Members Present: Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Jeanne Steiner, Bob Doane & Gayle Carroll.
Members Absent: Joe Powers, Bob Bradley & Patricia Scarnici (alternate)

Chairperson Mary Maslowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Recording and Taping Notification: As required by law, the Town may audio or video record this meeting. Any person intending to either audio or video record this open session is required to inform the Chair.

I. Hearings

- a. **Continued: HH2018-02 Notice of Intent (NOI)** has been received for 32 Ocean Avenue, Map 6B, Parcel L6 in the R-H-2 Zone. The application is pursuant to the Code of the Town of Harwich Chapter 131, Historic Preservation, Article II, and proposes the 100% demolition of the existing house. Cathi Cosco, owner/applicant.
EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Notice of Intent application and associated documents dated December 2, 2017. Letter to Commission from abutter dated January 12, 2018. E-mail correspondence dated March 16, 2018.

This hearing was originally scheduled for the January meeting. Since the meeting, the commission has heard from the applicant who has stated that she has been unsuccessful in obtaining documentation to demonstrate that her home at 32 Ocean Avenue is less than 100 years of age. She is requesting that the commission deny her application and impose a 365-day demolition delay. Ms. Maslowski noted that the demolition delay would begin as of this meeting.

Mr. Doane moved to remove the hearing from the table for consideration, 2nd by Ms. Steiner and approved 4-0-0.

Mr. Doane moved to vote to deny the request for demolition at 32 Ocean Avenue and to impose a demolition delay for a period of 365 days, 2nd by Ms. Carroll and approved 4-0-0.

II. New Business

- a. Minutes-vote to approve from:
 - i. January 17, 2018
EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Draft minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting

Ms. Steiner moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting, 2nd by Mr. Doane and approved 4-0-0.

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b. Information Discussion-Use of CPC funds to further research 100-year list

Ms. Maslowski stated that there are still CPC funds in our account which were originally intended for the 2nd round of research of the 100-year list. She knows that there have been discussions on doing deeper research on cluster areas in town where there are multiple historic homes in close proximity. She asked how the commission members would feel about using funds to do deeper deed research on the questionable properties on the 100-year list and suggested starting with properties within the 15-year mark of the 100 year cutoff.

Mr. Doane suggested looking at the town assessing records as a starting point. He also inquired about looking at the West Harwich Captain's Row area. Ms. Steiner agreed with Mr. Doan's comments.

Ms. Maslowski stated that she will speak with the Town Planner to see what steps would be needed to start research and put together an RFP.

The Commission members discussed properties on the 100-year historic list and if other structures on the property would be considered as historic as well. Ms. Maslowski reviewed that the past practice of the commission has been that if the property is on the 100-year list, then any buildings on the property would have to come before the commission for review.

c. Review Zoning Board of Appeals agenda for February 28, 2018 & March 28, 2018

EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Zoning Board of Appeals agenda dated February 28, 2018 & March 28, 2018

Mr. Doane moved to accept and place the Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing notices on file, 2nd by Ms. Carroll and approved 4-0-0.

III. Reports and Briefings by Board Members

a. CPC Update

Ms. Maslowski reported that all of the historic projects have been approved for CPC funding. The approved funds will be on the town meeting warrant in May for approval.

Ms. Steiner noted that she attended the South Harwich Meetinghouse opening on Sunday. She added that building has been beautifully restored.

b. Other Boards & Commission Update

Ms. Maslowski stated that there was an e-mail sent from the State for the Local Preservation Update Newsletter. There is a conference regarding Historic Multi-Family Housing being held on April 27, 2018 in Boston. There is also a Flood Hazard and Historic Structure workshop being held in Barnstable on March 29, 2018.

The commission members discussed the start time of the meetings. Ms. Maslowski stated that the meeting has been moved to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the needs of another member. The time of the meeting can be changed if properly noted on the legal ad.

Adjournment

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Mr. Doane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m., 2nd by Ms. Carroll and approved 4-0-0.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Clarke, Recording Secretary

Adopted on: 5/16/2018

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