

**Meeting Minutes for Harwich District and Harwich Historical Committee
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall Griffin Room**

Call to order at 5:38 p.m. by Gregg Winston-Chairman

Members present by introduction: Gregg Winston, Gayle Carroll, Jeanne Steiner, Patricia Scarnici, Wendy Woods-Hartwell, Barbara Dowd, and Bob Bradley

Discussion:

Gregg Winston reads Continued case HH2015-21 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) An application has been received for replacement columns on the original bank building at Brooks Free Library at 735 Main Street, Map 41, Parcel E1 in the R-R and the Harwich Center Historic District zones pursuant to MGL c. 40C, §6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich c.131 Historic Preservation, Article I. The proposal is to replace deteriorated wood columns with poly-plastic FRP replacement columns. Applicant is Town of Harwich-Library, representative, Robert Cafarelli, Town Engineer
Case was continued based on previous November vote to explore options of repair rather than complete replacement.

Bob Bradley: states the application should be rejected due to lack of information and

Gregg Winston: suggests moving the discussion to the next meeting

Bob Bradley: states there is no structural damage and the columns are not for support. The existing ones are shells-exposed they should be wood not fiberglass.

Gayle Carroll asks if the existing ones could be repaired.

Discussion on extreme costs, and the library's jurisdiction not an issue.

Lou Urbano: public attendee, discussed CPC meeting he attended regarding \$800,000 funding that did not come before the board.

Gregg Winston: offers there is little communication with this commission regarding the library, and that procedure needs to be followed.

Comment made that it may come before the Board of Selectman as an emergency status.

Lou Urbano: states if the town's perspective is to maintain historic properties, the commission has the opportunity to emphasize that historic properties must be approved through the proper channels and follow written procedure.

Gayle Carroll: refers to the guidelines with regard to repair vs replace

Jeanne Steiner: states she has met with the library heads/trustees and HDHC has been invited to their meetings for discussions.

Gregg Winston suggests to end discussion, take no action and revisit under old business.

Gregg Winston reads case **HH2015-22 Notice of Intent (NOI)** Demolish a structure over 100 years old, has been received for property located at 208 Bank St., Map 32, Parcel N8, in MR-L Zone pursuant to the Code of the Town of Harwich §131-8. The Applicant, Viktor Tuleka, representing owner Nancy Townshend, proposes a partial demolition of the c. 1860 main home.

Nancy Townshend: Explains the structure is an old piggery although there is no proof of age. Would like to maintain the historical integrity of the front of the house, but wants to demolish the back section of the house and rebuild. The back section may have

been added on, may have been a shed. States there is no foundation left and does not believe there is any historical value at stake.

Gregg Winston: discussed the south side and asks for clarification. Speaks of his concern of the possible historic value of the foundation and what it is made of. Is it brick, concrete, or stone?

Bob Bradley: asks for clarification of any future demo to the South side.

Nancy Townshend: We will not request any future demos.

Wendy Woods-Hartwell: questions the patio between the two structures and asks if the new construction will connect these two buildings

Gregg Winston: Board is concerned for the south side

Nancy Townshend: Explains the south wall foundation will not support a new wall

Bob Bradley: points out to the Board the new wing is 2 ft. higher than the original and faces Bank St., makes the assumption the scale may be overwhelming the original structure

Nancy Townshend: Wants a 10 ft. high kitchen ceiling requiring a higher structure

Gregg Winston: The request is significant because the new structure compromises the existing structure.

Any questions from the Board?

Jeanne Steiner: not concerned with the back side of the structure, happy with what has been done.

Board Discussion on interest in future proposals not compromising historical integrity of the south side and any chimneys.

Nancy Townshend: Chimneys will not be touched at this time

Jeanne Steiner: makes the motion to move article forward for a vote

Motion is seconded by Pat Scarnici

Jeanne Steiner: moves to approve, motion is seconded by Wendy Woods-Hartwell
All in favor, motion carries.

Gregg Winston: reads **HH2015-23 Notice of Intent (NOI)** Demolish a structure over 100 years old has been received for property located at 35 Snow Inn Road, Map 8, Parcel F1, in MR-L Zone pursuant to the Code of the Town of Harwich §131-8. The Applicant, Kurt Hedmark, proposes a 100% demo of a boat garage. Owner, Gregory Monocherian, et. als, Introduces Kurt Hedmark as applicant.

Kurt Hedmark: explains proposal to demo and re-build boat garage in the same footprint and not changing the style. Owner would build a sea-wall running from the existing north side towards the dock.

Jeanne Steiner: Any discussion? No response.

Jeanne Steiner: Makes the motion to approve.

Motion is seconded by Wendy-Woods Hartwell

All in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on addressing the CPC application process that involves review by the Harwich District and Historical Commission for Historic property. Bob Bradley makes the point a letter should be drafted to the Community Preservation Committee by the Harwich District and Harwich Historical Committee when involving Historic properties with the Committee's opinion.

Gregg Winston: makes a motion to request an official letter from the Board of Selectman to thank Eileen Brady for her service seconded by Jeanne Stiener. All in favor, Motion carried.

Lou Urbano: informs the Committee the application process is called out online.

Jeanne Steiner: makes the suggestion discussion should continue at the next meeting, perhaps visiting changing the application for CPC funds to receive approval from the Harwich District & Historical Committee when historical properties are involved. Short discussion on 97 Main St. property, to be placed on a future agenda under continued business.

Gregg Winston moves to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Bob Bradley

All in favor motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Carlson
Executive Assistant, Building

Adopted on: March 16, 2016