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**Historic District and Historical Commission**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

**Small Hearing Room**

**Public Hearing**

1. **Public Hearing-Call to Order**

Members Present: Chairman Greg Winston, Gayle Carroll Mary Maslowski (Alternate), Patricia Scarnici (Alternate), Jeanne Steiner, Joe Powers (Alternate) and Barbara Dowd.

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Chairman Greg Winston called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Winston recused himself as a voting member of the Board of tonight’s meeting. Mary Maslowski & Patricia Scarnici will be the alternate voting members for this meeting.

**II Hearings**

1. **HH2016-08 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** has been received for Brooks Park at 1 Oak Street, Map 41 Parcel C6 in the R-R and HC-HD Zones. The application is pursuant to MGC c. 40C, 6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich, c. 131 Historic Preservation, Article I. Specifically, the proposal seeks approval for a new 16’x34’ pavilion through the phased development plan for the park. Owner, Town of Harwich Selectmen, c/o Applicant, Eric Beebe, Recreation Director

Recreation Director Eric Beebe was present and reviewed the proposed plans for the pavilion. This is part of a multi-phased project, with this portion being phase 3. Mr. Beebe reviewed some possible uses for the pavilion area, adding that we will be able to fit 8 picnic tables under the pavilion.

Mr. Winston asked for better clarification on where the pavilion will be located. He added that he would like to see the schematics of the park remain historic. Mr. Winston asked Mr. Beebe to comment on what is special about the proposed pavilion.

Ms. Steiner stated that she appreciates the functionality of the proposal and likes the proposed location. She would like to see it tie in with the look of the existing gazebo.

Ms. Dowd agreed with Ms. Steiner and added like she would like to see details added to the molding and that the columns be constructed more in keeping with the historic district.

Ms. Carroll agreed and stated that she would like to see more character added to the roofline and the columns.

Mr. Beebe responded that he will take the comments from the commissioners to the design company and return with additional information.

**Ms. Carroll moved to continue the public hearing for HH2016-08 for 30 days, and that the commissioners will continue discussions at their upcoming work session meeting, 2nd by Ms. Steiner and approved 6-0-0.**

1. **HH2016-09 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** has been received for 109 Parallel Street, Map 41, Parcel N3-A in the C-V, H-C and HC-HD Zones. The application is pursuant to MGC c. 40C, 6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich, c. 131 Historic Preservation, Article I. The owners, Gregory Y. Winston et al and David J. Plunkett, seek approval for construction of a new two family structure via demolition of the existing structure.

*Mr. Winston recused himself. Ms. Carroll will be acting Chair for the meeting.*

Although this property is not a historic building, it is located in the historic district. There have been previous discussions about the location of the building on the lot. The commissioners discussed the proposed plan at length as well as the garage proposal.

**Ms. Dowd moved to approve the application HH2016-09 as presented, 2nd by Ms. Scarnici and approved 6-0-0.**

1. **HH2016-10 Notice of Intent (NOI)** to demolish a structure over 100 years old has been received for property located at 82 Doane Road, Map 21, Parcel K3 in the R-L Zone. The applicant is pursuant to the Code of the Town of Harwich 131-8 and proposes full demolition of the c. 1840 early Green Revival style home to allow for new construction. Owner/Applicant, Patricia E. Garrity.

Patricia Garrity was present. She stated that she never had the intention of demolishing the home, however it has now become a burden to maintain. She would like to demolish the existing structure and replace it with a similar Cape Cod style home.

Mr. Winston reviewed the photos that were provided in the packet. The commissioners have to decide if this is a historic building that the town of Harwich would be willing to lose.

Ms. Garrity stated that the home is in disrepair. She was given quotes from 2 different builders to restore the building and the costs were in excess of $700,000. She has explored all options to try and restore the building, but has been told that it is safer to build a new structure.

The commissioners noted that in order for them to make a final decision, they would need to see an elevation survey of the property. They would also be looking to see similarities of the existing dwelling versus what is being proposed.

**Ms. Maslowski moved for a 20 minute recess so that the builder can provide the commissioners with further information, 2nd by Ms. Steiner and approved 6-0-0.**

**Ms. Maslowski moved to reconvene the meeting, 2nd by Ms. Steiner and approved 6-0-0.**

The applicant’s builder reviewed photos from his cellphone of the elevations and briefly discussed the similarities of the two houses.

Ms. Dowd asked if the applicant would be open to having clapboard on the front of the proposed structure. Ms. Garrity stated that she would be amenable to that modification.

Ms. Steiner asked if there would be any way to keep the portion of the house that faces Doane Road, and build the new structure behind it.

**Ms. Steiner moved to allow for the demolition of the property at 82 Doane Road, HH2016-10, 2nd by Ms. Scarnici and approved 6-0-0.**

**III Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**IV Minutes**

No minutes were voted on.

**V New Business**

No new business was discussed.

**VI Reports and Briefings**

No reports of briefings were provided.

**Adjournment**

**Ms. Steiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m., 2nd by Ms. Dowd and approved 6-0-0.**

Submitted by:

Jennifer Clarke, Recording Secretary

Adopted on: November 20, 2018