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Historic District and Historical Commission
732 Main Street, Harwich, MA
Wednesday, September 15, 6:00 PM
Small Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – Reading of the requirements for a Public Meeting

Members and Staff Present; Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Lynne Zalesak, Bob Doane, Brendan Lowney, Julia Eldredge, and recording secretary Patti Macura

Others in attendance; Kent Drushella, Mary Deblois, Philip Miller

Chairperson Mary Maslowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **HH2021-11** – Notice of intent (NOI) has been received for 212 Bank Street, Map 32, Parcel N7, in the MR-L zoning district. The application proposes new windows, removing and replacing slider and replacement of entry doors. Construct new dormer and firewood shelter in addition to exterior improvements. Mary Deblois as Owner, Linda Thorp, Project Coordinator, Miller Starbuck Construction Services, Inc. as Applicant.

Philip Miller, owner of Miller Starbuck Construction introduced the project and reiterated relevant portions of the application. The board members discussed the front door pediment loss but all agreed that the new replacement door is appropriate. There were no additional comments from the Board or the public.

Mr. Doane moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Ms. Zalesak.
Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Doane moved to approve the Notice of Intent. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge.
Motion carried 5-0.

- B. **HH2021-12 Notice of Intent (NOI)** has been received for 36 Cross Street, Map 14, Parcel D2, in the RM zone. The application proposes 100% demolition of existing dwelling and a freestanding garage. Oliver Homes, LLC as Owner, Kent Drushella as Applicant.

Mr. Kent Drushella, applicant and representative for Oliver Homes, LLC. presented the project, explaining his request to demolish the home and freestanding garage with the intent to replace the home with a new residence. He furthered the discussion by saying that it was his understanding that there has been no activity to the property for many years and it is now in disrepair. There is currently a discrepancy regarding the lot lines.

Mr. Doane handed the applicant a FORM B document from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and discussed the architectural significance of the property. Mr. Doane said that the property is historically significant and suggested working with the current structure by possibly putting an addition onto the back of the home or moving it to another site. After a lengthy discussion between board members and Mr. Drushella regarding building alternatives for the property, the Board decided to impose a one-year demolition delay on the property.

There were no further question or comments.

Mr. Doane moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Doane moved to impose a one-year demo delay on 36 Cross Street, Harwich Port. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 5-0

III. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Discussion and possible vote – meeting minutes – July 21, 2021

Mr. Lowney moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2021 with the spelling correction to Ms. Eldredge's name. Second by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 5-0

B. Discussion:

- a. Potential historic beautification projects: Ms. Maslowski noted that she has not heard back on the location of the missing millstone and will follow up as she believes it is with the Highway Department. Board members then discussed that the two millstones are noted on the Macris Database and the missing millstone needs to be returned. The board members then discussed the location of the historic signs throughout the town. Mr. Lowney stated he would track down and map out the location of the historic signs, as well as the one missing and report back to the board.

The board then discussed the status of the planter boxes in Harwich Center and the disposition of the boxes now that fall is coming. All members agreed that the black flower boxes that the Garden Club arranges would be lovely. Other beautification suggestions discussed for next year CPC funding was the possibility of street lighting (oil lamps), sidewalk improvements, (brick/brick looking), trees lining the road and the planter/barriers.

Chairwoman Maslowski then informed the board the request for the demo delay bylaw would not be on the fall Town Meeting. She then mentioned that she had a conversation with the Town Planner, Mr. Jon Idman and he stated that he would be happy to work with the HDHC on this in order to bring the topic back in front of the Selectmen at the Spring Town Meeting. Ms. Maslowski will get a copy of the draft article to Mr. Idman for his review.

Mr. Doane handed out and did a review of the Town of Harwich Historic Inventory Report – Volume 1 prepared by Mirande Dupuy, December 2015 which is part of the CPC project of last fiscal year. The report was prepared as an initial step to go out for a bid/statement of work of those people/companies to do historic research. The Cape Cod Commission, historic division is developing new software and is looking for pilot towns to participate. Action item is to identify what houses are missing from the 2015 historic list – (houses dated from 1915 – 1922). The Cape Cod Commission will do research on some properties and historic research. Mr. Doane will update the CPC on the project. Ms. Eldredge asked whereabouts of the 4 Volumes and if it they could be downloaded to the Historic web page. Ms. Macura was asked to research and respond back to the Chair.

Chairwoman Maslowski discussed a letter she received from Patricia Tworek, President, Board of Trustees Chase Library regarding their capital campaign to cover the cost of the urgent roof repairs to the Chase Library. Ms. Maslowski suggested that a Notice of Intent should be filed ahead of time should additional repairs need to be done.

IV. ADJOURN

Hearing no other comments or updates, Ms. Maslowski called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Lowney moved to approve to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 5-0