Holliston Historical Commission - Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2018

Attendance: Kim Sullivan, Frank Chamberlain, Carol Kosicki, Judy Grosjean, Bobby Blair, Stephanie Collier, Bob Collier, Skip Kelleher, a representative from 16 Pearl Street

Discussion of demo permit for 888 Washington Street

Stephanie and Bob Collier presented information about a barn structure at the rear of 888 Washington Street. They had hoped to restore the building to use as a garage and for storage. Unfortunately, the building fell off of its stone foundation in 2015. They worked with a contractor to stabilize the building until they were able to proceed with construction. Skip Kelleher of Minglewood Construction talked about the current condition of the building. The granite stones and shifted, the sills are rooted and it is a mix of construction methods. It is currently unsafe. They also showed photos to support the discussion.

They hope to construct a new building that will be in keeping with the neighborhood.

In a unanimous vote, the Commission voted to not preferably preserve the barn structure at the rear of 888 Washington Street and to approve the issuance of the demolition permit.

Discussion of demo permit for 16 Pearl Street

Built in 1872

Application is to completely tear down the home and construct a new building.

The project is a flip. Owners live in Holliston but not at 16 Pearl

Plan to stay within the basic footprint of the structure.

No plans or designs were presented to the Commission

The Commission discussed the application and voiced reservations about approving this type of project. The property was reviewed based on the bylaw criteria and nothing was found to trigger a demolition delay.

In a vote of 3 with one abstention, the Commission voted to not preferably the home at 16 Pearl Street and to approve the issuance of the demolition permit.

Discussion of 1750 storage

Agreed to schedule some time in the Fall to sort through the existing files.

Discussion of possible "town archive". KS will reach out to Liz Greendale and discuss a potential meeting. Will need to coordinate with multiple departments.

Pump House