

Holliston Historical Commission – Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2015

Public Hearing for the Demolition Delay of 16 Fruit Street

Attendance: Ellin Austin, Judy Grosjean, Carol Kosicki, Jon Varrell, Kim Sullivan, Janet Jackson (88 Central), Michael Stebanski (11 Fruit St), Becca ?? (16 Fruit St, Apt2), Tom Chipman, Peter Barbieri, Linda Payne (22 Fruit St), Dan Nissi (owner of 16 Fruit St)

JJ: Represents old New England. Currently tracking parking, usually more than 23 spots available. Why do they need additional parking? Four low income families are losing their home

Michael S. Small street with only 6 homes. Losing one is a major impact to the historic feel of the neighborhood. Feels very residential. Parking look will not look right. Current lot is rarely full. Seems to be plenty of parking available. In a parking study, the lot ranges from 47 to 73% full.

Becca: I am a current resident. Overwhelmed with trying to find a new home in low income housing. We're the only two left in the building. We're willing to give up some yard to add parking.

Peter B.: Did not intent to tear it down.

Tom Chipman: Using same maintenance. Middle of the house is caving in. Heating system is gone. Septic is a band-aid and has issues with roots.

JG: These are challenges felt by every single homeowner.

Linda Payne: Privacy is an issue.

Peter B.: Same ownership as the Central Street building. Sold as a parcel and could not be separated.

Public Hearing portion closed. Discussion continued:

Need to send a message that Holliston cares about its buildings.

KS will call Skip Kelleher of Minglewood Construction to see if he will inspect.

Good example of a mid-19th century home with Greek Revival vernacular

JG move to invoke the demo delay and name the structure as preferably preserved.

In a unanimous vote, the commission voted to enact the demolition delay.

Meeting adjourned.