

Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
March 26th, 2018

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting at the Town Offices on Monday, March 26th, 2018, beginning at 4:30 PM. Present from the Commission were Lisa Sauer, Jay Rhind, Jorja Marsden, Carl Sprague and Gary Johnston. Peter Williams could not attend owing to the recent loss of his mother, Joan Williams. Pam Sandler had a prior conflict. Mr. Sprague presided over the meeting and took minutes in Pete's place. The meeting's agenda, date, time and place were duly posted by the Town Clerk at the Town Offices at least two business days in advance of the meeting.

Lake Cottage

The prospective buyers of Lake Cottage showed up for informal discussion and presented some sketches of a barn addition they'd like to build. The Commission had no initial objections with this proposal. Attorney Lori Robbins is representing the project. Attorney Robbins brought up some questions about our procedure regarding forwarding decisions to the Planning Board. This has already been discussed with Town Counsel and the Select Board. The Commission will now be forwarding any negative decisions to the Planning Board, whether applicants do or do not request a review.

19 Lakeview Drive:

The Commission first considered an Application for Demolition with respect to a 1960s A-frame at 19 Lakeview Drive, filed with the Commission on March 20, 2018. The application was filed by attorney Lori Robbins on behalf of Edward Keon and Patricia Kennelly – trustees of the Edward J. Keon, Jr. Trust. Ms. Robbins attended the meeting on behalf of the applicants.

The Commission heard a presentation by Ms. Robbins and reviewed photographs of the house and the Assessor's card for the property. The applicants propose to build a new dwelling on the premises pending the issuance of a special permit from the Select Board.

The Assessor's card indicates that the A-frame was constructed in 1960. Based upon the presentations made and documents reviewed at the meeting, the Commission determined by a unanimous vote that the Cottage is not a Significant Historic Building under Article XXII of the Town Bylaws (Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay).

Other Business

Merrywood:

Mike Valenti presented some preliminary plans from the new buyer of Merrywood on Old Stockbridge Road. The proposal is to remove deteriorated later additions to the house and restore the original 1880s Peabody & Stearns design.

New Commission Member: We were delighted to welcome Jorja Marsden to the Commission. Jorja is taking the seat Sue Bonak retired from last year.

Minutes: The Commission unanimously approved the draft minutes of its meeting of October 16th, 2017 that Mr. Williams had circulated prior to the meeting.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts
April 24, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Carl Sprague for Peter C. Williams, Secretary