

**Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**June 24, 2019**

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting at the Town Offices on Monday, June 24, 2019, beginning at 4:30 PM. Present from the Commission were Jorja Marsden, Jay Rhind, Lisa Sauer, Carl Sprague (arriving mid-meeting) and Peter Williams. In Mr. Sprague's absence, Mr. Williams presided over the meeting. 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.

**54 Interlaken Road**

The Commission first considered an Application for Alteration with respect three buildings at 54 Interlaken Road (the "Three Buildings"), filed with the Commission on June 19, 2019. The application was filed by contract purchasers Liz Coffey and Yaroslav Shukel. Ms. Coffey attended the meeting and spoke in favor of the application.

Peter reported on his research from the Historical Commission files, which turned up nothing regarding the Three Buildings. According to the Assessor, the date of construction of the Three Buildings is ca. 1962. The Commission reviewed current photos of the structures; they were of modest construction initially and are in poor condition today. Based upon the presentations made and documents reviewed at the meeting, the Commission determined by a unanimous vote that none of the Three Buildings is a Significant Historic Building under Article XXII of the Town Bylaws (Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay).

**New and Old Business**

Jorja reported that she had met Michael Pollack, a new resident of Stockbridge (his family has long maintained a seasonal home here; he is the son of a longtime Rockwell Museum trustee) at a Rockwell Museum event. Mr. Pollack, a lawyer with an office in Kinderhook, NY, expressed interest in getting involved in local civic activities, particularly with an interest in history. The Commissioners checked the Historic Preservation bylaw and noted that it prescribes exactly seven members for the Commission, and noted that the bylaw also requires that certain professions and the like be represented.

Peter reported that, on May 16 last month, High Lawn Farm simultaneously reached out to the Building Inspector regarding what it stated was poor safety conditions and filed with the Commission an application to demolish an old barn at 37 Interlaken Road. The Building Inspector immediately ordered the barn demolished unless the conditions were rectified. High Lawn then promptly demolished the barn.

Lisa noted that High Lawn Farm had exhibited similar disregard for historic structures with respect to the historic Mouse House Caretaker House at 29 East Street. After the Commission found on August 13 of last year that the Mouse House Caretaker House is a significant historic building, the Farm challenged that finding before the Planning Board. The Planning Board deferred action on the challenge, but High Lawn has made clear that it does not intend to maintain the Mouse House Caretaker House.

Carl reported that he has been named a member of the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee. The Committee has hired a professional consultant. It may recommend revisions to the Cottage Era Estate bylaw.

## **Minutes**

The Commission unanimously approved the draft minutes of its meetings of May 6, 2019, with a couple of edits.

## **Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
August 18, 2019

**Peter C. Williams**  
Peter C. Williams, Secretary