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October 27, 2014

To:

Jack Mee, Building Commissioner (or Acting Building Commissioner)
Town of Walpole, Massachusetts

Cc:

Marilyn R. Ryan, Trustee
Liz Gaffey, Staff Assistant, Walpole Building Commissioner
Walpole Board of Selectmen

Subject: Results of Public Hearing to determine whether or not to preferably preserve the barn located at 765 Washington St. Walpole, Massachusetts

The Walpole Historical Commission held a hearing on October 23, 2014, as publicly advertised in the Walpole Times issue of October 16, 2014, and also as publicly posted on the bulletin board of the Town Clerk and the webpage of the Walpole Historical Commission. The meeting took place at 6:30 pm in the main meeting room of the Walpole Historical Society, Deacon Willard Lewis House, on West Street, Walpole Center.

Per the Town Code (The by-laws of the Town of Walpole), the hearing was a follow-up to the determination of architectural and historical significance, made by the Walpole Historical Commission on September 27, 2014.

After listening to comments from the representative of the owner and from the public, the commission closed the public hearing and deliberated on the issue of preferably preserving the property.

A motion was made and accepted by a vote of 3 for, 1 against, one member abstaining, that the property at 765 Washington St. be preferably preserved, as defined in the Walpole Code (Walpole Town By-Laws) Section 349-2: *Definitions: Preferably Preserved: Any historically significant building and/or structure which, because of the important contribution made by such building and/or structure to the Town's historical or architectural resources, is in the public interest to preserve, rehabilitate, or restore rather than to demolish.*

This result means that no demolition of the property may proceed until six months (April 23, 2015) as specified in Section 349-4. Procedure: Part, G.

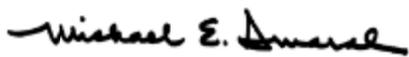
The Commission advises the owner and owner's counsel that they should review and understand all the provisions of the Demolition Delay Bylaw, including the Commission's enforcement powers.

The Commission will be holding a regular meeting on November 20, 2014, 6:30pm at the Walpole Room, Walpole Public Library, and we would like to invite the owner or the owner's representative to that meeting to discuss possible options for preservation.

Please feel free to contact the Commission Chairman, preferably via e-mail if you have any questions.

Note: To find the basis for all Walpole Historical Commission activities regarding this process, please refer to Chapter 349.Historic Structures, of the Walpole Town Code (By-laws of the Town of Walpole) (on-line at <http://ecode360.com/12698805?#12698805>)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Amaral". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael E. Amaral

Chairman, Walpole Historical Commission

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