

APPROVED MINUTES

Members

Mark Almeda, Chair
Christine Cochrane
Samuel Obar
Roger F. Turner, Jr., Vice – Chair



Walpole Historical Commission

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A meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on May 31, 2016 in the Walpole Room of the Walpole Public Library.

The following members were in attendance:

Mark Almeda, Regular Member, Chair
Christine Cochrane, Regular Member
Samuel Obar, Regular Member
Roger F. Turner, Jr., Regular Member, Vice Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

28 County Street - Demolition Request

All four members of the Commission, along with the two property owners, attended a site visit at 28 County Street immediately prior to the meeting.

Mark Almeda made a motion that the two decks at 28 County Street are not architecturally or historically significant. Christine Cochrane seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0-0.

453 Winter Street:

Mr. Almeda reported that this house, formerly owned by the late Betty Cottrell, is being proposed for demolition. The house was built in the 1700s. The Commission will plan to hold a site visit and meeting on June 11.

Meeting Minutes:

None to vote on.

Correspondence:

The Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) has asked the Commission for an opinion on the proposed natural gas pipeline going through Walpole. Mr. Almeda will invite PAL representatives to a future meeting, in relation to the fact that the proposed pipeline appears to go through Indian grounds.

Meetings:

Mr. Almeda made a motion that the Commission will not meet in August. Roger Turner seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0-0.**

Building Inspection Form:

The Commission discussed the Building Inspector form for demolitions, to avoid the Commission having to vote on a simple structural change like replacement of decks at 28 County Street. Mr. Almeda suggested some changes to be made.

Union Station National Register:

Mr. Almeda stated that Union Station is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Sam Obar said there should be a ceremony.

Barn Survey:

Mr. Almeda said he would like have a workshop to discuss a barn survey on June 11, after the meeting about 453 Winter Street.

Adjournment:

Mr. Almeda made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Obar seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0-0.**