

APPROVED MINUTES

Members

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



Walpole Historical Commission

Walpole Town Hall
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Walpole, MA 02081

<http://www.walpole-ma.gov/walpole-historical-commission>

A meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on April 21, 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 7:02 p.m.

The Chairman read aloud Mass. General Laws as it relates to the Open Meeting Law.

Election of Officers:

Roger Turner, Jr. nominated Mark Almeda as chairman. Sam Obar seconded. **The motion was approved 4-0-0.**

Sam Obar nominated Roger Turner as Vice Chairman. Mark Almeda seconded. **The motion was approved 4-0-0.**

Roger Turner nominated Sam Obar as Clerk. Mark Almeda seconded. **The motion was approved 4-0-0.**

83 South Street Demolition Request:

All four members of the Commission, and the property owner, and the owner's attorney, were present at a site visit on Saturday, April 16.

Mr. Almeda asked if any research had been done regarding the history of the house by applicant. No research had been done.

The applicant has indicated they would want to preserve any elements of the property that they can.

Mr. Almeda asked about the tree that was taken down from the property. It was a horse chestnut tree. It was taken down because of safety.

Mr. Turner noted that the neighborhood surrounding the house is rich in history.

The applicant also hopes to obtain the property next door, 93 South Street, which is in decrepit condition. He would appreciate the Commission's support, as the town can seize it for taxes.

Mr. Almeda made a motion that the property at 83 South Street is historically and/or architecturally significant. Christine Cochrane seconded the motion. **The motion was rejected 0-4-0.**

Meeting Minutes:

No meeting minutes to approve.

Town Forest Report:

Roger summarized the plans for the May 1 Town Forest Anniversary ceremony.

Commission Secretary:

The Commission authorized Mr. Obar to explore a resolution to the Historical Commission secretary vacancy.

Adjournment:

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