

WALPOLE HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Walpole Town Hall

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September 27, 2014

A special meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on September 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Deacon Willard Lewis House in Walpole, Massachusetts.

Members present were as follows:

Michael Amaral, Chairman, Regular Member

Mark Almeda, Regular Member

Jacqueline Huckle, Regular Member

Samuel Obar, Regular Member

Roy Noepel, Associate Member

Also present were the following people:

Charles Hardy, member of the Walpole Historical Society

Jessica Cochrane

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Norman Conrad

John O'Leary

Robert O'Leary

Prior to the meeting, the following people visited the barn on the site of 765 Washington Street: Michael Amaral, Mark Almeda, Jacqueline Huckle, Samuel Obar, Charles Hardy, Norman Conrad, and Emily Conrad.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. Mike Amaral read a small portion of the Open Meeting Law, which was in regards to participation in meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether or not the barn located at 765 Washington Street is architecturally or historically significant. Discussion ensued during which time it was pointed out that parts of the barn are more than 100 years old, there are very few barns left, and to tear it down would be tragic and show disrespect. An issue was raised – Is the property large enough for a house? It was further pointed out that the barn is on a site that used to be a working farm. Also, the property is near a corner and is very visible to people going by and the house on the corner has been well maintained. On the other hand, the barn is in disrepair. A motion was made by Mark Almeda that the structure at 765 Washington Street is architecturally and/or historically significant. The motion was seconded by Michael Amaral and passed (4-0-0). Mike then stated that there will have to be a public hearing. The vote will result in a demolition delay for six months.

A motion was made by Mike Amaral to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Jackie Huckle and passed (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Conrad, Secretary

Reviewed and Accepted as Submitted by WHC, 16 October 2014 meeting.

Mike Amaral