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<b>Members:</b> Jennifer Karnakis, Chair Christine Cochrane, Vice Chair Roger Turner, Regular Member Kathleen A. Birtwell, Regular Member Justin Caron, Regular Member Rob Doane, Associate Member Michael Amaral, Associate Member		<b>Walpole Historical Commission</b> Walpole Town Hall 135 School Street Walpole, MA 02081
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**A special meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on August 14, 2019 in the Pinnacle Room of the Walpole Public Library.**

**The following members were in attendance:**

**Jennifer Karnakis, Regular Member, Chair  
Christine Cochrane, Regular Member, Vice Chair  
Kathleen A. Birtwell, Regular Member  
Rob Doane, Associate Member**

**The following members were not in attendance: Roger Turner, Regular Member; Justin Caron, Regular Member; Michael Amaral, Associate Member.**

**Chair Jenn Karnakis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on the 1 Peach Street site visit which had occurred at 6:30 PM. Present as guests were Ann Piso, Bill Parquette, and the property owner Dawn Piso.**

**Katie Birtwell made a motion to open discussion and to open the public hearing. Christine Cochrane seconded and the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.**

**Members of the Commission discussed their impressions concerning the proposed demolition of a garage over 100 years old as part of a larger demolition and rebuilding planned at the location. Ms. Birtwell said that little she saw in the garage remained from that time and that very little of historic value remained due to previous renovations over the years. Other members concurred. Ms. Karnakis moved to close the**

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hearing; Ms. Cochran seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

Ms. Karnakis made the following motion:

The Historical Commission determines that the family room addition, greenhouse, garage, and carport at 1 Peach Street are not architecturally and/or historically significant, on the condition that no other portion of the structure is encompassed by this determination and no other portion of the structure may be demolished without review under the Demolition Delay Bylaw (Chapter 349); and further conditioned that if no demolition occurs within 2 years, a new application must be submitted again, pursuant to the Bylaw, before any demolition may take place.

Ms. Cochran seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed 3-0-0.

Ms. Karnakis informed the applicants that a letter containing the above motion will be sent tomorrow to Building Commissioner Yanovitch with a copy to Dawn Piso. She thanked the guests for their cooperation, including submission of plans and planning to reuse any old materials to the greatest extent possible. The guests left the meeting at this time.

The members discussed the need of streamlining the application process to ensure WHC participation in a timely manner. The WHC needs to be part of the signoff process so that no covered properties are missed and so that no applicants remain unaware of the need to seek our input if the property to be demolished is 100 years old or older. Ms. Karnakis said that Commissioner Yanovitch will meet with us at our September meeting. She added that we will have our regular meeting next week.

Adjournment

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**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after a unanimous 3-0-0 vote at 7:55 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Katie Birtwell, Regular Member**