

Approved on 6/22/17

Members

Samuel D. Obar, Chair
Christine M. Cochrane, Vice Chair
George B. Ransom
Roger F. Turner, Jr.
Kathleen A. Birtwell
Melissa Totten, Associate



Walpole Historical Commission

Walpole Town Hall
135 School Street
Walpole, MA 02081

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

A meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on June 1, 2017 at the Deacon Willard Lewis House, 33 West Street, Walpole, MA 02081.

The following members were in attendance:

Samuel Obar, Regular Member, Chair
Christine Cochrane, Regular Member, Vice Chair
Roger Turner, Regular Member
George Ransom, Regular Meeting
Kathleen Birtwell, Regular Member
Melissa Totten, Associate Member

The following guests were in attendance:

Joe Verderber

Chairman Sam Obar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Appointments

388 North Street - Demolition Application

A site visit was conducted at 6pm on 6/1/17 to view the structure and property at 388 North Street prior to this meeting to determine if the structure is architecturally or historically significant per the Demolition Delay Bylaw.

George Ransom felt he did not see much left of the original 1844 structure since it had mostly all been remodeled. He reports there were some original mismatch door casing on the second floor. In conclusion did not see much historical character left.

Melissa Totten agrees with Mr. Ransom and adds even the exterior had very little left in place that had historical character. She notes even the unique triangular windows were approximately the 1950's. However, Ms. Totten says the area in which the house is located is historically significant to Walpole's agricultural history.

Roger Turner also agrees with the previous members and adds the banister is unique and he had viewed some board on the side going into the porch area to be fairly old but not original. Mr.

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Turner states in the mid 1600's ox-drawn board lumber to Dedham using the road on which the house sits.

Kathleen Birtwell agrees this property at 388 North Street has lost its architectural/historical significance.

Mr. Obar makes a motion that 388 North Street is not architecturally or historically significant. Mrs. Ransom seconds the motion.

Discussion

Ms. Totten would like it noted that the neighborhood around 388 North Street is important to the social and agriculture history of the town of Walpole.

The motion is approved 5-0-0.

Mr. Obar informs Mr. Verderber that the HC will send a letter to the Walpole Building Commissioner informing him of the decision.

Adjournment

At 7:35pm Ms. Birtwell makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Turner seconds the motion.

The motion is approved 5-0-0.