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Historic Review Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 6:30-7:30 pm

Held outside the Historical Society office on the library patio.

Present: Elizabeth Boyce, Phil Doremus, Peter Howard, Christopher Hull, Bruce Nelson, and Frank Pagliaro

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by Elizabeth.

2. Introductions and Review:

Members introduced themselves and discussed the text of the Demolition Delay Ordinance. (DDO)

Chris asked for clarification on how the DDO will work and we reviewed the process.

3. Selection of Officers:

Peter, Elizabeth, and Frank nominate Phil as chairman and Elizabeth as Secretary. Elizabeth seconds the motion, and all full members and alternates concur.

4. Review of Protocol:

Chris asked about the mechanism by which the committee will negotiate with property owners.

Bruce highlighted the Redding DDO and field reports as examples for our review.

Peter stressed that the idea is to preserve elements of buildings through photographs and reuse of materials.

Chris asked where the field reports will be preserved in Easton. Elizabeth and Bruce suggest a copy can be submitted to the Building Office and Peter said they can start a file.

Phil would like to see a way to have these field reports accessible for anyone researching a property. Both he and Bruce mention the possibility that the Assessor can indicate this status on property card records.

Elizabeth mentioned that the town clerk will be able to put a link to the Historic Properties List on the town website and asked for clarification on subsidiary structures. Frank and Chris cite the ordinance that states, "buildings and structures" on property.

Frank and Bruce mention the historic barns complied by Will Tressler and Harry Audley for the State Preservation office that are available online.

Phil inquired about the procedure for adding properties to the Historic List and notification to owners.

Group discussion on what qualifies a home for historically significant status.

- 5. Review of Historic Properties List:

 Topic shelved for the next meeting in the interest of time.
- 6. Public Comment:
 No public present for comment.
- 7. Adjournment: Meeting called at 7:25 pm (Elizabeth/Frank)

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Boyce September 16, 2022