

Historic Review Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm

Held at the Historical Society Office at the Easton Public Library.

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

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called at 6:00pm. (Elizabeth/Phil)

2. Review of 433 Center Road Site Report: All are satisfied with the content and scope of Bruce Nelson's analysis. Discussion of historic use of timbers in older foundation walls and chimney stacks. Phil suggests the house framing may have been built first and the chimney stack built around these structural elements. Others (Frank, Bruce and Elizabeth) suggest the multiple short pieces at various levels may indicate it was used as a building material rather than as a structural support. Peter, Frank and Chris comment on the arched double chimney in the attic for its unique structure. Everyone was unanimously impressed with Bruce's research report that includes historic photographs of both the building and the families that once called it home.
3. Discussion regarding the property and the demolition delay: All members agree that the deteriorated state of the property make it an unlikely candidate for restoration.
4. Motion: Phil motions to waive the demolition delay as described in the ordinance. The committee unanimously votes in favor of waiving the demolition delay in order to allow the property owner to continue with the permit process.
5. The property manager has assured the committee that materials including timbers and floorboards will be salvaged and reused which we encourage as part of our ordinance charge.
6. Public Comment: None present.
7. Adjournment: Meeting called at 6:20 pm. (Peter/Phil)

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Boyce June 13, 2023.



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