

Historic Review Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:30-8:00 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 7:30pm. (Elizabeth/Peter)
2. Review of 10 Orchard Lane Site Report: All are satisfied with the content and scope of Bruce Nelson's analysis. Discussion of property owner's intention to reuse elements of the original structure including stonework, hardware, weathervane and cupola.
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. Phil motions to waive the demolition delay as described in the ordinance, second by Elizabeth. 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. It is noted in the site report that prior to demolition we request the owner to have the white marble step in front of the eastern door to be gently pried up to determine if it might be a repurposed headstone; and that he also save the hardware (latch and hinges) from that same door.
6. Public Comment: None present.
7. Adjournment: Meeting called at 7:55pm. (Peter/Phil)

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Boyce January 20, 2024.



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In accordance with the Demolition Delay Ordinance for the Town of Easton, Connecticut, the Historic Review Committee has reviewed the property at 10 Orchard Lane in Easton.

While this is an older structure, it is an assemblage of both modern and repurposed materials and was likely last altered in the mid-20th century. Given its current deteriorated condition, it is an unlikely candidate for restoration.

Our historical building consultant, Bruce Nelson, has reviewed the property along with our committee members. Significant architectural details have been photographed and documented. The adaptive reuse of materials has been discussed with the property owner and usable resources including stonework, hardware, cupola and weathervane will be salvaged for new construction that will closely follow the original building's style and dimensions.

Based on this review, our committee will waive the demolition delay on this property in order that the owners may continue on with the permit process.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Boyce

Historic Review Committee

Secretary

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