

## Weston Historic District Commission

### Minutes of meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2018

*Attendance: Paul Deysenroth, Kathy Failla, Chris Kimberly, Roland Poirier*

*Absent: Carol Baldwin, Lynn Langlois, Stanicky*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Deysenroth at 8 p.m. in the Weston Library conference room to discuss the public hearing application of Natalia and David Bentley for changes to their home at 5 Hidden Hill Road. The home is located in the Kettle Creek Historic District. The Bentley's architect, Rob Sanders of Wilton, attended the meeting on their behalf.

Paul appointed Kathy Failla as temporary clerk to take the minutes.

The commissioners reviewed the proposed plans and photographs of the property. The house is a converted barn that was originally part of a neighboring Greek Revival Home at 28 Goodhill Road. The barn was converted to a residence in 1965; the house retains the exterior style of a barn dating to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Bentleys would like to add a kitchen and new bedroom suite and replace the existing garage, and modify the exterior of the house. The architect explained the additions, demolition and new construction.

Lynn Langlois who was unable to attend the meeting submitted an email to the chair, which he read to the commission and Rob Sanders. In her email, Lynn said: "The proposed addition is incompatible with the original structure, with the overall design, and the other buildings in the District, as per section 147-f of the state statutes." Lynn also stated in her email that the drawings submitted to the commission were not done to scale – and the commission agreed that these drawings were unacceptable particularly with regard to determining the varying and new window forms.

The chair told the architect that the purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the building meets state statutes and that it is the commission's responsibility to carry out state's regulations regarding historic districts.

There was much discussion by the commission who, after reviewing the plans in depth with the architect, agreed that the proposed plans would greatly alter the historic appearance of the residence converting it into a more contemporary style structure than the original historic barn. As one commissioner said, "It looks like a beach house."

Rob Sanders said he would go back to his clients and provide them with the commission's comments.

The item was tentatively (pending the architect's confirmation) put on the agenda for continued review at our next meeting on Wednesday, October, 3 at 8 p.m.

The commission approved the minutes of the May meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kathy Failla*