

Weston Town Committee for the Oversight of the Lachat Property

MINUTES

December 4, 2012

Present: Committee Members: Ellen McCormick, Amy Kalafa, Paul Deysenroth, Nick Bell, Judy Saffan

Consultants: Robert Hatch, AIA Architect; Silvia Erskine, Landscape Architect

Absent: Carol Baldwin

Presided By: Ellen McCormick

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

- A. The minutes for November 6th and December 4th will be approved on January 8th. The November 27th meeting never took place due to cancellations because of icy roads that evening.
- B. Bob Hatch discussed the fact that the structural engineer said that with the educational designation for the farmhouse everything planned for the house including the foundation work is acceptable. He also mentioned that the foundation is three-quarters done. The lolly columns are in place and two large columns have been removed. There is a new sill replacing the old one that had a great deal of rot. Bob's drawings are almost complete and ready for the bidding process provided we get approval. The main issue for approval will be the amount of money we have raised.

We also discussed the need for electric designations. Nick mentioned that we shouldn't bore into any of the chestnut beams, etc. We discussed lighting and track lighting in some cases seems the best because we will most likely have artwork and historical exhibitions in the house for viewing. In the office we could use lamps and track lighting.

The question has been raised as to whether we will need emergency lighting? We will need to talk with Tom Landry about the emergency lighting question. Other questions were about whether we need separate systems for domestic hot water, how to bill for the fuel, etc. It was decided that the electric should be underground. Apparently P&Z prefers underground electric. We will need to decide what kind of electric service we will need to facilitate the other buildings. It was suggested that 200 amps should be enough.

- C. Silvia Erskine gave a presentation of her landscape ideas for the house. This plan is needed to fulfill the planning grant and relates only to the farmhouse rather than the entire property. It was noted that we have an extension for the planning grant. Silvia explained the approach to the farm should be from the left side of the barn into the field and around the back of the barn. There will be overflow parking alongside the barn which will be a reinforced grassy area. The parking in back of the barn would have room for 8 cars then you would proceed to the circle behind the house and then exit via the existing driveway at the house. There would also be handicap parking near the back entrance to the house and 3 other spaces for parking near the maintenance building/machine shop. There is a total of about 26 parking sites.
- D. Paul Deysenroth made a motion to approve the plans contingent on the BOS approval. The motion was seconded by Amy.
- E. Site maintenance: Maintenance issues were not discussed at this meeting but will be at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. (Minutes submitted by Ellen McCormick)