

**AGENDA**  
**Amherst Historical Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

**Zoom:** : <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/86421368510>

**Attendance:** Jane Wald, Patricia Auth, Janet Marquardt, Robin Fordham, Jane Sheffler, Hetty Startup, and Benjamin Breger (Town Staff)

**Guests:** Hilda Greenbaum, Mark Andrews, “rosatodd”, Tom Davies

**Documents and Handouts:** Agenda, 197 South Pleasant Deck Demolition Application, 197 South Pleasant Addition Demolition Application, Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information Sheet for 197 South Pleasant, Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information Sheet for 205 South Pleasant, 197 and 205 South Pleasant Street History Sheet, Town Staff Review of Bylaws, Current draft of the Bylaw for the Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

**Call to Order:** 18:35

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*\*Due to a potential conflict of interest, Jane Wald turned the meeting over to Vice Chair, Janet Marquardt for the public hearing.*

**1. 205 South Pleasant Street (14A-194)**

1. Amherst College has found a buyer for the house and they wish to move the house to a parcel of land on Baker Street near Snell Street. Amherst College is requesting the demolition delay be lifted to allow the relocation of the house.
2. *Jane Sheffler makes a motion to lift the demolition delay placed on 205 South Pleasant Street as conditions were met by Amherst College to find a buyer to relocate the building. Pat Auth Seconded.* Roll Call: Robin Fordham, Janet Marquardt, Pat Auth, and Jane Sheffler in favor. Hetty Startup having audio difficulties.
3. *Robin Fordham makes a motion that it be known to the buyer of the building that this removal of demolition delay is only for the relocation of the building and any additional amendments to the building will require further demolition applications. Pat Auth seconded.* Roll Call: Robin Fordham, Janet Marquardt, Pat Auth, Jane Sheffler, and Hetty Startup in favor.

**2. 197 South Pleasant Street (14A-195)**

1. Does the structure meet the criteria of Historical Importance?
  1. Yes. Roll Call Vote: Pat Auth, Robin Fordham, Hetty Startup, Janet Marquardt
2. Does the structure meet the criteria of Architectural Importance?
  1. Yes. Roll Call Vote: Pat Auth, Robin Fordham, Jane Sheffler, Hetty Startup, Janet Marquardt
3. Does the structure meet the criteria of Geographic Importance?

1. Yes. Roll Call Vote: Pat Auth, Robin Fordham, Jane Sheffler, Hetty Startup, Janet Marquardt
4. The Commission finds, based on the criteria, that the house meets the Standards for Designation of a Significant Structure.
5. *Jane Sheffler makes a motion to approve the demolition of the addition and deck on 197 South Pleasant Street. Robin Fordham seconds.* Roll Call Vote: Pat Auth, Robin Fordham, Hetty Startup, Jane Sheffler in favor.
6. Commission approves the demolition request for the rear addition and deck.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

*\*Janet Marquardt turned the meeting over to Jane Wald.*

### **1. Announcements** None

### **2. Demolition Delay Bylaw**

1. Review Town Staff Feedback
  1. The Commission discussed the list of suggestions from town staff.
2. Next steps
  1. Need to add an appeal process
  2. Reconciliation Process
    1. Rob Morra and Christ Bestrup to attend our next meeting so we can discuss

### **3. Public Comment** None

### **4. Unanticipated Items**

1. Mill River Project has been told they can submit a revised proposal to the CPA committee for consideration of residual funding that may be available after July. The District 1 Association would like to speak with the Historical Commission about revising their application.
2. Public Hearing will occur on February 10, 2021 for a property on Dana Street. Materials forthcoming.

### **5. Next Meeting Dates** February 10, 2021 and March 17, 2021

*Motion to adjourn made by Janet Marquardt. Seconded by Pat Auth.*

*Meeting adjourned at 21:18.*