

**Amherst Historical Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 24, 2016**

Members present: Steve Bloom, Laura Lovett, Ted Parker, Robert Romer, Jane Wald, Meg Vickery

Members absent: Jan Marquardt

Staff present: Jonathan Tucker, Senior Planner

Others present: Jocelyn DeAngelis, Frederick Wilson, Elizabeth Bull, Heidi Flanders, Randall Knoper, Joel Greenbaum

The meeting was called to order in the Town Room, Amherst Town Hall, at 7:04 p.m.

**1. Announcements**

**2. Minutes**

Vickery moved, Romer seconded, unanimously voted to approve the minutes of April 27, 2016, with correction of spelling error.

**3. Demolition Delay – Preliminary Reviews**

- a. 65 Taylor Street – Demolition of 1860s attached barn and addition  
After review, Romer moved, Bloom seconded, unanimously voted to not hold a demolition delay hearing.
- b. 33 Dana Street – Demolition of a rear sunroom  
House built 1909/1910. Proposed renovation is to remove sunroom and deck added to house in 1970s and to replace with an enclosed space. Owners will repair stucco in kind. Romer moved, Wald seconded, unanimous vote to not hold a demolition delay hearing.
- c. 31 Paige Street – Demolition of an addition and a side porch  
Built c. 1889. South side addition to be demolished and replaced with larger addition. It's unlikely that this addition is part of original construction. The existing front door is original to 1889 construction. Commission agreed that removal of original doorway was of more concern than removing the addition. After substantial discussion, Parker moved, Bloom seconded, unanimous vote to not hold a demolition delay hearing.
- d. 16 McClellan Street – Reconstruction/expansion of a dormer on west side of house away from street. Parker moved, Romer seconded, unanimously vote to not hold a demolition delay hearing.

**4. New Business**

- a. 2016 Annual Town Meeting Debriefing  
Romer reported on passage of CPA funds for Thompson memorial stone. Tucker drew attention to revised text and font size and design details. State guidelines require

acquisition of three bids. Staff will prepare a bid package for distribution. Text will be available for review by Commission members at its next meeting.

b. FY17 Community Preservation Act Issues

- i. West Cemetery 1870 section headstone restorations. Tucker encourages members of the Commission to go look at cemetery. Tucker will present draft of request for estimates for work in 1870 section at next Commission meeting.
- ii. Summer Project(s) – Historic preservation workshop for CPAC and other Town boards/committees

c. Historic Properties Not Inventoried – The Larches

Commission reviewed a draft of the Massachusetts Historical Commission Form B for “The Larches”. Ted Parker contributed the architectural description. A finalized Form B will be reviewed by the Commission for approval. Form B will then be forwarded to MHC for approval and addition to the state Register of Historic Properties, then to federal agency for approval and addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

d. Other items not anticipated—

Vickery reported that Tom Davies, Project Manager at Amherst College Facilities Department, communicated to her that the College was not able to save the fittings and paneling from the Little Red Schoolhouse for re-use in Woodside Daycare Center due to abatement issues. Parker will contact Tom Davies for more information and to determine whether any alternatives exist for salvaging doors and cubbies from Little Red Schoolhouse.

**5. Next Meeting: June 14, 2016, at 7 pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.