

Historical Commission

19 January 2017/ 7:00/

Attendees

Maggie Cohen, Beth Hoff, Alex Hogan (invited guest), Steve Weiss, Barbara Fitzgerald, Dave Marinelli

Old Business

Meeting called to order at 7:02.

Minutes of November meeting read by Barbara and approved.

Feb. 6th is the date for interviews for new board members. There are two interested people: Alex Hogan and Tom Higgins.

Brewer Young House - no new official information.

Historic New England speaker on hold due to cost.

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site speaker scheduled for April 18th at 6:30. Topic: Frederick Law Olmsted and the Massachusetts Legacy. Location: Storrs Library.

Research Projects:

Steve reviewing old annual reports for topics.

In order to correct construction dates, Dave is looking at Assessor's records for houses recorded as built in 1919. There are 585 houses. He is comparing these with the MACRIS database. This is a complicated process as explained by Beth using 822 Longmeadow St. as an example. She suggested to Dave that he start small, maybe just a street or neighborhood.

Demolition Delay

Craig Carr, Steve Weiss, Dan O'Malley and Sandra Krein are currently listed on the committee according to Deb House at Town Hall.

Steve will contact members to request a meeting.

There is a request for a variance to build at 822 Longmeadow St. coming before the ZBA on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. If approved, the existing building (built 1831) would be torn down.

To be determined by the Demolition Delay Committee - does it have historic significance?

CPC

Steve provided an update on the committee's progress.

New Business

Steve talked about maps.

Action Items

1. Steve will ask S. Crane about the progress of work at the Brewer Young House.
2. Steve will contact existing demolition delay committee members to set up a meeting. Beth will participate on the committee.
3. Send a letter to owners of 1901 and earlier homes to homeowners. Maggie will coordinate this with Marie Angelides. There are 150 - 200 such houses.
4. Maggie will inform Debbie House that Beth is now on the Demolition Delay Committee.

Next Meeting

February 16th

January meeting adjourned 8:26

Submitted by

Barbara Fitzgerald