

Demolition Committee  
March 5, 2018  
Minutes

The demolition committee met for its annual meeting on March 5, 2018. Present were: Craig Carr, Elizabeth Hoff, Sandra Krein, Daniel O'Malley, Michelle Steger and Steven Weiss.

#### Minutes

Craig Carr distributed the minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting.

Daniel O'Malley moved to accept the minutes, Sandra Krein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Election of Chairperson and Secretary

Elizabeth Hoff moved to nominate Michelle Steger as Chairperson and Craig Carr as secretary. Craig has agreed to stay on for another term. Steve Weiss seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

It was mentioned that Craig needs to inform Debbie House that she has agreed to stay on for a second term.

#### Letters to Owners of Pre-1901 Structures

Beth Hoff mentioned that a mailing will go out notifying owners of structures that date back to 1901, of the regulations set forth in Chapter 800 concerning demolition delays. There was discussion as to how to mail them. It was questioned whether town buildings were included. It was answered that yes they were. The Community Building dates back to 1900 and the VFW building is considerably older, as is a portion of the present DPW office.

#### Procedures

The procedure to handle a demolition request for a structure dating back prior to 1901 was reviewed. It is as follows.

The building superintendent must notify this committee within five (5) days of receipt of a request to demolish a structure dated before 1901.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt, the committee must hold a public meeting and render a decision.

The Committee must notify the owner in writing not less than seven (7) days prior to said meeting by certified mail.

The committee must notify the Building inspector within fourteen (14) days of the decision.

## New Business

There was discussion regarding the present DPW building. The office in the building dates to either 1880 or 1884. Steve Weiss spoke wearing two hats, his Demolition Committee hat and his Community Preservation hat. He said that the town has been proactive and has applied to the CPA to do an architectural study to see if the building is historical and if so is there a potential re-use. It was suggested that we look at the property now and possibly save the ten thousand dollars being asked for. It was decided that we should look at the property now rather than eighteen months from now when the DPW is vacated. The Amherst Train Society may be interested in it. Craig Carr asked if someone could be available during our visit to the DPW to remove siding or flooring in order to see if what is underneath is historic. Steve said that Mario Mazza at the DPW should be able to help us with that. There was discussion of potential uses for the property should it be found to be of historic value. Steve will try and arrange a visit before the end of March so it can be done before the town meeting in May.

There being no further business:

Steve Weiss moved to adjourn the meeting, Dan O'Malley seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:07

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig T. Carr  
Secretary