

LANDMARKS and HISTORIC DISTRICTS BOARD

Meeting Minutes July 19, 2016

Town Council Conference Room, Second Floor
Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Road, Southampton

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Board Members Present: Stephanie Davis, Nancy Mullan, Janice Jay Young, Susan Sherry Clark, Bill Heine, Sheila Comparetto

Absent: Sally Spanburgh, Sarah Pleat, Ed Wesnofske

Liaisons: David Wilcox, Director of Planning; Janet Johnson, Administrative Support

Guests:

- James Kirkpatrick Flack – Resident for 95 Strong Lane, Water Mill
- Sean Forestal – Contractor representing 95 Strong Lane, Water Mill
- James & Katrina Hernandez – Owners of 95 Strong Lane, Water Mill
- John Bennett – Attorney representing 849 Hayground Rd, Bridgehampton
- Julie Burmeister – Bridgehampton CAC
- John Bouvier – Town Councilman

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm and the agenda was changed to accommodate guests in attendance.

There were a few revisions to the May and June minutes prior to the meeting. Member Clark moved to approve the minutes for May and June, while Member Young seconded the motion, with remaining 4 attending members all in favor.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

95 Strong Lane, Water Mill – Member Clark drafted and circulated a report prior to the meeting. Member Clark described and discussed the proposed work and information in the report. The structure maintains its historic integrity and is listed in the Historic Resources Survey. Most of the proposed work appears to take place on the interior and exterior, with a few changes to the windows. Guests James and Katrina Hernandez confirmed that all changes would be in keeping with the historic appearance of the structure. The LHDB reached consensus to not object to the construction permit application.

Member Davis took a brief moment to introduce Councilman John Bouvier to the LHDB. Councilman Bouvier expressed that he thought the LHDB was doing great work. He also encouraged the LHDB members to contact him if anything was needed.

DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

849 Hayground Road, Bridgehampton – Member Wesnofske drafted and circulated a report. Member Clark briefly discussed the report. Member Davis pointed out that the structure meets criteria for landmark designation and was listed in the Historical Resource Survey. Member Clark noted that the number 1679 was placed on the wall of the house next to the door. Member Davis pointed out that the report notes the structure contains wood from 1679 and 1779. Guest John Bennett spoke and claimed this structure is not historic and has no historic integrity due to

the alterations in the 1990s. He mentioned that he visited the property as a child, which was a farm at that time. Member Davis asked John Bennett if he remembered what the structure looked like at that time and he responded that he did not. Member Comparetto pointed out that the house had been added onto, as was typical of farm homes that grew with the family, and displays elements from the 1800s. Member Davis asked John what the applicant plans to do and John responded that the applicant wants to build a new house. Councilman Bouvier asked how the LHDB obtains the information in their property reports and Member Davis responded by explaining the different ways the LHDB obtains the information, including researching published reports and newspapers, viewing maps and aerial photographs, site visits, and other means to understand the history of each property. Member Clark also added that they use the maps and photos to determine the age and use of surrounding properties to help determine the historic status. Member Davis discussed with the LHDB the option of recommending offering the structure to the community and moving to a new location. The LHDB reached consensus to object to the proposed demolition and to recommend reuse or relocation of the structure or, if the owner is not willing to preserve the structure, then to salvage any wood marked 1679 or 1779.

8 Cove Ave East, Noyac - Member Clark drafted and circulated a report. She spoke briefly about the history and noted the dwelling appeared to be in good condition with some of the original fabric remaining. The shingles appeared to have been updated recently. The LHDB reached consensus to not object and to recommend re-use of any original materials in the new construction.

35 Shore Drive, North Sea - Member Clark drafted and circulated a report and noted that the property was in an isolated area with access by a dirt road. It appeared that the structure had been renovated and added on to numerous times. It was not listed in the Historic Resource Survey. The LHDB reached consensus to not object to the demolition application.

121 Norris Lane, Bridgehampton – Member Clark took pictures of the structures and circulated them at the meeting. She noted that the structures did not appear to have timber frames or to be of any historic value, but suggested recommending moving the structures as they contribute to the historic character of the neighborhood. The LHDB reached consensus to not object to the proposed demolition and to recommend re-using the structures or offering the structures to the community.

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206 Mecox Rd, Water Mill – After consideration the LHDB determined that this application does not warrant review.

12 Jagger Lane, Westhampton – Member Heine drafted and circulated a report. He spoke to the owner who noted that solar panels were previously added to the dwelling in the 1980s but were later removed. Member Heine noted the dwelling included numerous additions constructed in the 1980s, leaving very little original building fabric visible on the exterior. The house is not visible from the street and does not appear to meet any criteria for landmark consideration. The LHDB reached consensus to not object to the solar panel addition.

141 Wooleys Drive, North Sea – Member Clark drafted and circulated a report. She described the structure and noted that the proposed construction will be in keeping with the original look of the structure. The property is not listed in the Historic Resource Survey, although its appearance

does contribute to the character of the neighborhood. The LHDB reached consensus to not object to the construction application.

1799 North Sea Rd, North Sea – After consideration the LHDB determined that this application did not warrant review.

154 Springville Rd, Hampton Bays – After consideration the LHDB determined that this application did not warrant review.

PENDING LANDMARK APPLICATIONS

1. 628 Ocean Rd, Bridgehampton – Member Davis forward the drafted easement to Mary Wilson and has not received a response.

2. Remsenburg Academy, Remsenburg – Member Davis confirmed there is a Public Hearing regarding landmarking of this building on Tuesday July 26, at 6:00 pm.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Demolition and Construction List Update – In progress.

2. ZBA/PB/ARB/CB Pending Applications – Member Clark noted on July 21 there was a ZBA application for 6 Rogers Lane in Remsenburg (a proposed two-story house).

3. Tupper Boathouse, NS Update – Member Comparetto reported that the historical architect notified Christine Fetten that the \$465,000.00 budget will not cover Phase I work, so there will be a hold on activity until additional funding is received. The Steering Committee will see about getting grants. Member Young inquired if there was a steward and Member Comparetto responded no.

4. Update of LHDB Web Pages and ST Historic Resources Map – In progress.

5. Ellis Squires Sr. House – Adjourn to August meeting.

6. Brewster House (1380 Flanders Rd, Flanders) update – Member Young noted a 3rd hearing took place. The requested construction to secure the house was completed and appeared to resolve the immediate concern of the Town Board.

NEW MATTERS

1. Prior to the meeting Member Spanburgh expressed concern to Member Davis regarding the rerouting of Tuckahoe Road. After discussion the LHDB agreed to draft a report to document the historic history of the road for presentation to the Town Board; Member Spanburgh will be requested to compile this report.

2. Member Davis noted that Jeffrey Gibbons contacted Member Spanburgh and expressed interest in rejoining the LHDB. Member Davis asked Member Mullan what her intentions were regarding continuation as a member on the LHDB. Member Mullan noted her intention was to only stay on the Board until the position was filled.

3. Member Clark suggested publicizing the 375th documentary so the community is aware they are able to view it on Sea-TV. Member Young will contact Sarah Pleat for information.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 pm.

NEXT MEETING: August 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by: Janet Johnson; edited by Stephanie Davis