



Plympton Historical
Commission

Meeting Summary - 03/07/16

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Jon Wilhelmsen, Jane Schulze, and Jill Palenstijn were present.

PUBLIC HEARING: 45 Ring Road

- The public hearing to review the application for a building demolition permit resulting in the partial demolition of the structure pursuant to the Plympton Municipal By-Laws, Article XX, for the single family home located at 45 Ring Road.
- The notice for the hearing was posted on 2/26/16 and the notice was read aloud by JW.
- A site visit to 45 Ring Road was conducted on Saturday, 2/27/16 to view the property and the area of proposed demolition. JW, JS, and JP were all in attendance. Commission consultant Richard Burnet was also present at the walkthrough.
- RB stated that the present structure consists of the main house, an ell, and two sheds. RB commented that the middle shed is in very poor condition due to insect damage and unsound timbers. He assessed the middle shed to be structurally unsound.
- During the walkthrough, the Commission noted some sound timbers and granite and the Owner, Robert Peters, expressed his interest in salvaging those timbers and repurposing the granite.
- The Peters expressed their desire to rebuilt the structure in a way that will emulate the size, scale and style of the present structure (consisting of the two sheds).
- JW made a motion to approve the application for the partial demolition of the structure as stated in the application for demolition. JS seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0
- JW will inform the Building Department of the Commission's decision.
- JW made a motion to close the public hearing. JP seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. The public hearing was closed. The Owners were advised of the next steps in obtaining a building permit.

Regular Meeting

- After the Public hearing was closed, the Commission continued with the regular business
- 65 Crescent Street or "The Bradford House" is purportedly one of the oldest homes in Plympton. The owners of 65 Crescent Street were present and the Commission reviewed with them the various aspects of the Demolition Delay By-Law. The Owners reported that they intend to dismantle the historical portion of the home, salvage what they could,

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pour a concrete foundation, and build a replica of the existing antique. They also intend to build an addition which would connect the reproduction to the existing barn. The Owner reported issues with the chimney and rotted floor boards. The Commission discussed a possible site visit on 3/19/2016 and will keep in contact with the Owners and work to schedule a site visit and a hearing.

- The owner of 389 Main Street, Paul McDermott, appeared before the Commission to report on the current condition of his home after an automobile struck the kitchen at high speed. The owner reported that the kitchen ell has moved 2-3" due to the impact of the vehicle. He reported that the house has shifted and compressed and that his insurance company has recommended that the ell be removed and replaced. The Commission asked the owner to provide a copy of any structural engineering report for review. The Owner is looking to build back the same structure in accordance with current code. The Commission will schedule a site visit and will work with the owner to set up a hearing.
- JW reported that he believes there is now an offer for purchase has been accepted on 6 Cross Street.
- JW authored the 2016 Annual Report and provided copies to the other members.
- The Commission members discussed possible new members.
- The Historical Asset Inventory work needs to continue and it is the hope of the Commission to have an RFP drafted by the summer of 2016.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on the motion of JS, second JP. Vote: 3-0-0.