



Demolition Review Committee

27 January 2014

Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Members present: Donna Etela, Chair
Jim Maggiore
Cynthia Swank
Alternate Members: Jeff Hillier
Jane Robie

Meeting called to order at 1:05PM.

72 Atlantic Avenue. Etela explained why she had called the meeting. The Planning Board approved unanimously the Demolition Review Ordinance on Tuesday evening, January 21. It was her understanding, verified by the Chair of the Planning Board, that the ordinance went into effect with that approval until the March election. The information, however, was not communicated to the Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer. He issued a demolition permit for the building on 72 Atlantic Avenue after the Planning Board's meeting.

The owner's representative contacted Etela, indicated that if the Heritage Commission wished him to attend a public meeting, he would be willing to do so. He subsequently sent Etela electronically a communication that the owner had sent to all abutters. He also indicated that the demolition was scheduled for February 5th. It is possible to hold a second meeting of the Demolition Review Committee at Town Hall on Monday, February 3 if the Committee thinks it necessary.

Discussion ensued about the buildings, the cooperation of the owner in permitting the Heritage Commission in December 2013 to take photographs of the interior and exterior of the house and barn, and in making an effort to donate and support the moving of the buildings to another site. Members reported what they had learned in doing subsequent research. The house by style and by deed research likely dates from about 1890, not the 1800 given in the Vision database. By style, architectural integrity and setting, it can be considered an historic resource. The Naves family owned the property from the 1940s to

1990s. Mary Naves was a sister of Morris Lamprey and long-time teacher at Little River School; Harry Naves was a local painting contractor and apparently painted remarkable canvas screens depicting outdoor landscapes for Centennial Hall. Possible individuals who could provide additional information were mentioned including Jo Lamprey, a niece of the Naves, Jane Olson who lived in the Little River area and attended the school, and Cedric Dustin who worked for Naves.

Maggiore moved and Swank seconded to not hold a public meeting for this property. The vote was unanimous.

Some basic procedures were established in case another demolition application is submitted prior to the March vote.

Etela has provided the Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer with the email addresses of the Demolition Review Committee members and alternates. She also gave him printouts of the Vision database showing those properties whose construction dates earlier than 1965.

Once notified by the Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer the following will occur:

- 1) Members and alternates individually will drive by the planned demolition site.
- 2) Maggiore will do preliminary deed research to try to verify date of the building(s); if he is unable to do the work, Robie is the backup.
- 3) Etela will schedule a meeting within five days of the notification at which time the Committee will decide whether it is an historic resource warranting any further work. Maggiore asked if the first meeting might be non-public under RSA91-A:II(d) if the property is not yet under contract; he will seek clarification from Town Administrator.

Additional discussion about completion of the first page of the individual inventory form and narrative sections occurred; details need to be determined.

Etela will convey in writing the Committee's decision to the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer and to Ben Auger, the representative of the owner.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07PM.

Cynthia Swank
Recording Secretary