



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Public Hearing Notice Northborough Historical Commission

In accordance with the Northborough Town Charter, Article V, the Historical Commission will hold a public hearing on April 23, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices, 63 Main Street, Northborough for the purpose of seeking public opinion on the proposed amendments to the Northborough Town Code, Part 2 General Legislation, Chapter 2-36 Historic Buildings, Section 2-36-030 Procedure by deleting the wording shown in strikethrough and replacing it with the words shown as underlined:

1. Within seven (7) days of receipt of an application for a demolition permit for a structure that is, in whole or in part, one hundred (100) years or more old, the Inspector shall forward a copy thereof to the Commission. No demolition permit shall be issued at that time.
2. (a) Within thirty (30) days of the Commission's receipt of a demolition permit application, the Commission shall determine whether the structure is a significant building. The Commission shall hold a public hearing for that purpose, notice of which shall be posted in the Town Hall at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Written notice of the hearing shall also be provided to the owner and the Inspector. If the Commission determines the structure is not a significant building, the Commission shall notify the Selectman and Inspector in writing and the Inspector may issue a demolition permit.

If the structure is determined to be a significant building, the Commission shall so advise the owner, the Inspector and the Selectman in writing. The Inspector shall not issue a demolition permit for a period of ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ three hundred sixty five (365) days from the date of application for such permit.

(b) During the ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ three hundred sixty five (365) day period, the Commission will invite the applicant (and owner of record, if different from the applicant) to participate in an investigation of alternatives to demolition.

The Commission shall notify the Selectman and Inspector if the applicant and/or property owner has made a reasonable and unsuccessful effort to locate a purchaser for the building or structure who has agreed to preserve, rehabilitate, restore or relocate the same, or has agreed to alternatives to demolition, and the Commission is satisfied that there is no feasible alternative to demolition. This notice will be in writing, and may occur at any time during the ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ three hundred sixty five (365) day period. The Inspector may then issue a permit to demolish in accordance with all applicable procedures.

Brian Smith, Chairman

April 8 & 15, 2014