

Notes: 283 Main St., Sturbridge – barn on Publick House property – included in the Sturbridge Common National Historic District.

Site visit 6:00 p.m. – Attending: Barbara Search, Richard Volpe, Bailey Applegate, Cathy Zavistoski (Historical Commission members); Jean Bubon (Town Planner); Michael Harrington (owner, Resurrection Real Estate LLC); Michael Glick (manager Publick House); Tobin Shulman, AIA (Siemasko + Verbridge); Leonard Jalbert (Jalbert Engineering).

Viewed 3 levels – lowest level against bank behind garage type doors currently used for storage, once used for vehicles: ground level behind garage type doors currently used for storage once used for vehicles: upper level accessed through doors facing the street and up a flight of stairs currently used minimally for storage.

Sturbridge Historical Commission Meeting – Veteran’s Hall Town Hall

Attendance: Barbara Search, Chair; Richard Volpe, V. Chair; Bailey Applegate, member; Cathy Zaistoski, member; Jean Bubon, Town Planner; Michael Glick, Publick House; Tobin Shulman, architect; Leonard Jalbert, civil engineer.

Called to Order at 7:02 p.m.

Presentation by Tobin Shulman – using a series of Sanborn Fire Maps he showed the progression of buildings on the site beginning with a shed in 1904, a different type of building in 1911 with a 1 ½ story section on the back. The same structure is shown on the 1925 Sanborn map. In 1944 the 1 ½ story section is gone and the building configuration is as it is today. Shulman cites damage to the finishes on the lower level structural elements resulting in “not much to save”. He showed illustrations of the proposed project as consisting of four connected sections with a house presentation in the front and a barn presentation in the back. There will be two stories in the front and 2 ½ stories in the back and would consist of 28 double queen guest rooms.

Michael Glick reports that the Harringtons, current owners, have owned the Publick House for 13 years during which time there have been no renovations or maintenance done to the building.

BS asked if any part of the structure could be moved or disassembled and moved. Jalbert reported the building couldn’t be moved.

BS asked if there was any other possible use for the building on the property. The response was “no” because of the poor condition of the building. Glick reported the Publick House has other storage facilities on the property that meet the fire codes. Tobin said that parts of the frame are the only usable parts and that would be for decoration.

BS noted that the building is included in the Sturbridge Common National Register of Historic Places. Glick commented that the new building will improve the Common.

RV asked if there would be any changes to Sadie Green’s. Response is only the back stairs will be reversed.

BS moved to hold off the "significant building" vote until the October 18, 2016 meeting at 6 p.m. CZ seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara A. Search, Chair