

Wayland Historic District Commission  
November 18, 2010

Present: Gretchen Schuler (chair), Margery Baston, Kevin Crowley, George Ives, Desmond McAuley, Kathie Steinberg, Meaghan Winokur

Others present: Paul Van Mulbregt, Mark Mordini, Vamsi Yarlawadda, David Durrant.

Signal box. George was in touch with Fred Turkington about relocation of the signal box. He will follow up with the Town Surveyor and DPW. Gretchen spoke of the sidewalk along Old Sudbury Road but said Wayland Twenty still needs additional permits.

Public Safety Building. At the last meeting it was reported that equipment might be moved from the basement to the roof of the PSB. Kathie suggested that a member from the WHDC serve on the ad hoc task force committee that is considering this issue. Kevin expressed a willingness to serve in this capacity. The Commission will write to the Selectmen to recommend Kevin for this committee.

Hitching posts and mile marker. Gretchen took photos of the hitching posts in front of the Wayland Historical Society and the mile-marker.

Letter to new owners of 18 Winthrop Road. Gretchen was asked to write a letter, confirming that the conditions of the Certificate regarding the fence at 18 Winthrop Road had been met.

No WHDC meeting in December (unless there is a need for a hearing).

Thank you letter to Barbara Buell. The Commission plans to write a letter of thanks to Barbara Buell for her recent pro bono work.

Public Hearing for 30 Bow Road. Paul Van Mulbregt, the owner of 30 Bow Road, and Mark Mordini, Andersen Windows specialist, were present to speak at this hearing. The house was built in 1969 and is on the south side of Bow Board. The proposal was to replace first floor windows with new wood and polymer (40% wood and 60% polymer) windows that will match exactly what is seen on the second floor. The grid configuration will be 6 over 6, the same as those on second floor. The muntins are snap-in and the screen will be on the entire window. George made the motion that the Commission issue a certificate of appropriateness. Meaghan seconded this motion. This received a unanimous, favorable vote. (7-0-0)

The minutes of the October 21, 2010 HDC meeting were accepted. (7-0-0)

Public Hearing - 27 Bow Road. The owner, Vamsi Yarlawadda, and his architect, David Durrant, were present to describe the proposal for the barn door replacements with an exterior track covering the walkthrough, wood, French doors with glass sidelights and

transom. The French doors, glass sidelights and transom would be covered when the barn doors were closed. The door openings would not be wider than the current openings. The French doors would probably be black or dark in color (so that they wouldn't jump out). George moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness as outlined in the application, and that the doors be painted a dark color. This was seconded by Desmond; and this received a unanimous, favorable vote (7-0-0). The applicant expressed the hope to replace - sometime in the future - the 3 windows on the south elevation of the barn with identical windows (6 over 6) that would be more symmetrically located. Meaghan questioned changing the location of the second floor windows. Desmond pointed out that the old barn was being re-used in an appropriate way. George moved that the Commission allow for the more symmetrical placement of the 3 windows on the south elevation of the barn. This was seconded by Desmond. This received a favorable vote. (6-0-1).

Proposed blanket approval of historic markers. Gretchen spoke of blanket approval of historic markers (18" by 12" wood sign, painted white with black lettering). The First Parish is considering such a marker or a National Register bronze markers. Commission members made no decision but wondered if there should be consultation about placement of historic markers on the building.

Also, regarding the First Parish, Chris Hagger asked through Gretchen if the posts that once were used for exterior lighting could be removed.

Letters to new residents in the HD. Meaghan suggested the Commission send a welcoming and informative letter to new residents in the HD.

"Show casing" the Historic District. Kathie spoke of the general interest in town for local history. She felt the HD would benefit from "show casing" the HD. Kathie suggested a number of ideas – including the use of the Mellen Green for a Maypole dance or pumpkin stroll. Another idea was to look into CPC funds. A final suggestion was to meet with the 2 Selectmen when they hold their special hours at the library (or Town Building). Kathie even mentioned a newsletter. If there were descriptions of historic homes in the newsletter, Desmond suggested that people share some of their interesting "house stories."

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Margery Baston