

MINUTES: Norwell Historical Commission, Tuesday, April 21, 2021 (Remote Meeting)

PRESENT: David DeGhetto, Chairman, Nancy McBride, Vice Chair, Jim Kelliher, , Bob Norris, Alan Prouty, Anne Greene, Janet Watson, Kristin Ford

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth and Wyman Brooks, homeowners

The meeting was called to order at 6:00

100 SOUTH ST

This was a special meeting to consider the building permit application dated March 25, 2021 for 100 South St. Alan reported that this house is listed in the historical inventory as the John Humphries house circa 1830. However there is evidence that it was built in the late 1700's but significantly remodeled in the early 19th century. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by roll call vote to determine that the house was historically significant.

The house is a Cape style with several more recent additions built behind the original building. The homeowners are proposing to build another addition to the rear as an in-law apartment. The homeowners had submitted plans, After assessment and discussion of the plans, the members reached the consensus that they had sufficient information to determine that the addition would not compromise the historical structure since it was attached to a recent addition, was consistent with New England style of attaching additions to historic houses, took into account the existing roof lines, and utilized exterior materials that matched the existing materials. In addition, Jim made note that the Commission was generally concerned with changes that were visible from the street and the addition would not significantly change the street view of the house. A motion was made to determine that the addition could go forward without objection from the Commission. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by roll call vote. The Brooks were advised that David DeGhetto would notify the Building Department of the Commission's determination and also confirm in an email to them.

Nancy advised that she received a request from Town Hall to sign the lease for Cross St. Flower Farm. David also received this request and they will do so. Jim asked for further discussion of subcommittee recommendations on the demolition Bylaw at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM

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