

Town of Ipswich Architectural Preservation District Commission
Public Hearing
June 1, 2016
Mary Conley Room - Town Hall

Minutes

Members Present: John Fiske, Peter Bubriski and Will Thompson

Alternate Members Present: Ruth Strachan and Nancy Carlisle

Staff Present: None

Others Present. Kathleen Guay and Michael Martineau of 21 Summer Street

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Mr. Fiske stated that he would serve as Chair and that Ms. Strachan and Ms. Carlisle would serve as voting board members. Apologies received previously for the absences of Mr. Morse and Mr. Lowe.

PUBLIC HEARING: Garage Demolition

REQUEST for Approval of Certificate to Alter for proposed partial demolition of a Contributing Property located in the Architectural Preservation District, pursuant to Section 8, Chapter XXII of the Ipswich General Bylaws.

Ms. Guay provided an overview of the Owner's plans to demolish the garage facing 11 County Street. The space would in turn be replaced with a patio and parking place. Mr. Martineau added that the garage is too small to fit an automobile and had previously served to house an above ground home heating oil tank (removed) and other storage. Ms. Guay explained that the main house wall inside the garage was unaltered and retains intact two windows with integrated interior shutters.

Ms. Strachan asked as to the disposition of the small addition to the garage. Ms. Guay responded that it would also be demolished. Ms. Strachan inquired as to whether or not clapboards exist under the shingles. Both Ms. Guay and Mr. Martineau explained that the building had been previously shingled and that the clapboards had been removed at that time. Ms. Strachan added that sometimes shingles were used on the rear of houses, but that 18th century builders overwhelmingly incorporated clapboards.

Ms. Strachan inquired as to whether or not the post and beam structure is visible on the interior. Mr. Martineau responded affirmatively. He added that a 24 x 24 inch beam supports the front dining room and that the central form of the house sits atop two field stone foundations. Two chimneys serve the four main rooms which are decorated with wide pine wainscoting. Mr. Fiske commented that perhaps the building was built in two sections. Mr. Martineau responded that it appeared that way in the interior as the woodwork varied on either half of the house.

MOTION: Mr. Fiske moved to issue a Certificate to Alter. Ms. Carlisle seconded and the motion passed five in favor, zero against.

Mr. Fiske expressed his positive view of the project, thanked the applicants for their work, and offered the Commission's availability should they have any questions or wish to discuss the project further.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Mr. Fiske moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. Mr. Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Will Thompson, Secretary

Attachments: none