

APPROVED Minutes
Westport Historic District Commission
Public Hearing
November 10, 2015

The Westport Historic District Commission held a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Town Hall, Room 309/307.

PRESENT:

MEMBERS Chair Randy Henkels, Vice Chair Ed Gerber, Clerk Bob Weingarten,
Member Marc Lotti, Member Janet Rubel

ALTERNATES Alternate Judi Freedman, Cheryl Bliss

QUORUM: Five full members sitting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Henkels called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ITEM #1 TO HEAR CHAIR'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON CURRENT HDC ACTIVITIES.

Chair Henkels reported:

- Golden Shadows and Nike Missile Radar Site study reports are progressing.
- HDC Member Bob Weingarten is chairing the Saugatuck Swing Bridge Study Subcommittee which will hold its second work session on Thursday, November 12, 2015.
- The RTM second reading of the proposed Historic District Commission Ordinance will be heard tonight to approve the amendment to the Town Code of Ordinances giving the HDC the authority to serve as the Historic District and Historic Properties Commission and the authority to act as the official study committee for future district and property designations.

ITEM #2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 13, 2015 PUBLIC HEARING.

The minutes of the October 1, 2015 special meeting and the October 13, 2015 public hearing were approved as submitted.

ITEM #3 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICES PRESERVATION ACT, TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ANTENNA INSTALLATION BY VERIZON WIRELESS LOCATED IN THE COMPO OWENOKE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT.

Attorney Kenneth Baldwin representing Verizon Wireless presented new alternative locations for the proposed installation of antenna with associated assembly on utility poles in the Compo Owenoque National Register District, Compo Beach area. He stated that he was not seeking the

HDC's comments until Verizon makes a final decision on a specific pole location. He added that the problem they were trying to resolve with cell phone transmissions was a coverage issue, not a capacity issue. The members suggested alternative locations in the beach area (roof of concession at Minute Man Yacht Club, a stand-alone pole in parking lot, top of hill instead of along scenic road) which he thought the general public would consider less desirable than the following list of proposed poles he identified at the meeting (Pole Nos. 25844, 25846, 25854, 25843, 25845, 25849, 25850, and 25857).

Chair Henkels commented the HDC appreciated the update and stated his confidence in their final selection of a utility pole which will serve the users well and not detract from the historic neighborhood.

ITEM #4 TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A COPPER CHIMNEY CAP FOR MAIN CHIMNEY AT 38 EVERGREEN AVENUE LOCATED IN THE EVERGREEN AVENUE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dolliver, the property owners, presented their request to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated October 16, 2015, for the proposed installation of a chimney cap for the main chimney at 38 Evergreen Avenue.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Ed Gerber and seconded by Bob Weingarten and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated October 16, 2015 for the proposed installation of a copper chimney cap for main chimney at 38 Evergreen Avenue located in the Evergreen Avenue Historic District is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #5 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 5 COUNTRY ROAD.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Ed Gerber and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 5 Country Road is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #6 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 16 RIDGE DRIVE.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Ed Gerber and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 16 Ridge Drive is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #7 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 27 WESTFAIR DRIVE.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Marc Lotti and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 27 Westfair Drive is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #8 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 5 LAUREL ROAD.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Marc Lotti and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 5 Laurel Road is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #9 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 23 EDGEWATER HILLSIDE.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Ed Gerber and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 23 Edgewater Hillside is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #10 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 4 BARBARA PLACE.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Marc Lotti and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 4 Barbara Place is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #11 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 41 BURNHAM HILL.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Janet Rubel and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 41 Burnham Hill is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #12 TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE MEETING MAY DETERMINE TO WAIVE THE BALANCE OF THE DELAY PERIOD FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION AT 11 ELMWOOD ROAD.

There were no questions or comments from the members.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Upon motion by Bob Weingarten and seconded by Janet Rubel and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED: That a request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at 11 Elmwood Road is hereby APPROVED.

Carol Leahy
HDC Staff Administrator/CLG coordinator