SHERMAN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, 20 May 2019   8:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman J.Taylor, B. Scholze, B. Boone, M. Dwyer, J. Desiato

Members Absent: J. French, J. Bruzinski

Also: L. Whitney, clerk, E. Johnson and family, Tamer Byun (attorney to Johnson Family)

Call to Order: Chairman, J. Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM

Approval of Monthly Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from 18 March 2019 as written was made by B. Scholze.

Seconded by B. Boone

Vote For: All

New Business:

A discussion was held on the Certificate of Appropriateness for 11 Rte 37. Mr. Johnson closed on the house on 4 April 2019. J. Taylor explained the role of the Historic District Commission. E. Johnson presented his proposed repairs to the house. They include:

Repair and eventual replacement of the roof: Mr. Johnson will use architectural shingles.

Window replacement: The windows will be replaced with 6 light over 6 light, double hung windows.

Door replacements: He will use fiberglass doors that match the existing style to replace the rotted wooden doors.

Vinyl Siding: Eventually he plans to remove the vinyl siding and restore the original siding.

Gutters: The gutters are disconnecting from the house. He will replace the 3 inch gutters with 6 inch gutters.

Garage: He will sand and paint the garage white and install a door.

Trim: He will repair the rotted trim on the house.

Front railing: He will replace the railing with new wooden railing, bringing it to code.
T. Byun, atty to E. Johnson, gave an overview of additions to the house on record with the building department.

A motion was made to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the above work to E. Johnson by B. Scholze.

Seconded by: B. Boone

Vote For: All

Old Business:

A discussion was held on the Houston House (across the street from the school parking lot) that has been demolished. J. Taylor inquired at Town Hall and was assured that the Houston House is not on the National Register of Historic Places and that appropriate permission for the demolition was obtained. A discussion ensued and several questions and ideas surfaced:

Should the Historic District expand to become a Preserve Sherman Commission?

Is it possible for the Historic District Commission to conduct a survey identifying all antique houses in town? Could we then draft an ordinance requiring the demolition of any antique homes/buildings to first be approved by the Historic District Commission? Would the Board of Selectmen approve this ordinance?

Will this serve to preserve Historic Sherrman?

J. Taylor will meet with the First Selectman to pose the Historic District Commission's questions.

Adjournment:

B. Scholze moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM

J. Taylor seconded the motion

Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next Historic District Commission meeting is scheduled for 17 July 2019 at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney

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