

Dover Historical Commission Meeting

June 8, 2015

7:05 PM –Fireside Room and

Site Visit of 50 Pine Street

Call Meeting to Order— The Meeting was called to order by Jane Moore, the chair on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:02 PM

Present –Jane Moore, Janet Comiskey-Giannini, Richard Eells, Tom Johnson, Charlotte Surgenor, Paul Tedesco

Guest—Thomas Otis and Mina Otis—50 Pine Street and Elia Hicks—58 Pine Street (daughter)

Acceptance of the Minutes---The Minutes for the May 5, 2015 Meeting were approved after a small typo change.

Old Business:

95 FARM Street—Richard stated that some tree cutting and land clearing were occurring but the house is still intact. According to the builders Ken and Sam Soderholm the process has been delayed due to other issues from other departments in Dover. The house will stay intact until a buyer is found.

Brook Sign Project-- Commission needs to still find out from Robyn, the Selectman liaison person, what type of sign would be approved by the Town. Richard also stated he had not had time to gather photos of different signs. It was suggested that we use the design that are used for the Historical House markers.

Historical House Signs. Jane stated the checks arrived for plaques for 87 Haven Street—Joseph Chickering--1748 and 40 Pleasant Street—Wilder Rice-- 1818. Janet will contact Angelo Urso and arrange to get the plaques initiated for these houses.

Other. Paul gave Jane some photos of the Amelia Peabody Sundial at its official location at the library to be used for the Town Report and or public relation materials.

Richard gave some old files to Janet that he had at his house dealing with Fullerton House of 100 Center Street and others. These are to be placed with the Historical Commission files.

Richard asked if the Historical House Marker that was on 6 Farm Street ever returned. To the Historical Commission or Society?? No one knew but doubted that was what happened to the sign.

New Business:

Demolition Request—received a request for demolition on 50 Pine Street. Thomas and Mina Otis and Elisa Hicks (daughter) requested that a demolition permit be issued for their property at 50 Pine Street that was built around 1840. The request for demolition was asked due to the poor condition with extensive rot, mold mildew and insect infestation, as stated in a home inspection by Aesthetic Images of 7 Stimson St., Boston which documented the severe problems in the house and suggested the prohibitive cost of bringing the building up to code.

The Historical Commission voted to move to have a home inspection of this property this evening since it was still light and one could see the property and the owners were in town.

After inspecting the property the Historical Commission decided to vote. The Historical Commission voted the house is of Historical Significance but due to the condition of the property and the large cost to bring the building up to code, the Commission will allow a demolition request on the 1840 house at 50 Pine Street. .

A letter will be written to allow the Building Inspector to issue a demolition permit.

Next Meeting— Tuesday, September 15, 2015 unless a demolition request is requested during the summer. Asked what is the best contact numbers for the summer and every one said home or e-mail. . Charlotte said cell phone number.

Adjourn Meeting at 8:17 PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Dover Historical Commission, Secretary