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Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/17/17

Location: Fisher School 830 High Street

Called to order at 7:30 PM.

Last night (July 17, 2017), the Historical Commission met to review a request filed by Ruth Wisialko, asking permission to shorten the demolition delay period for the barn located at 46 Washington Street. Based on prior decisions, the earliest demolition date was established as October 14, 2017. Ruth would like to shorten the demolition delay period by 3 months – basically to time served. The owner stressed that she recognized that there were architecturally significant features that she planned to use in the new replacement structure. The Commission has done two onsite visits to the barn and has photographic records of the architecturally significant features in the structure.

The property is in the General Residence (GR) zoning district and shown on the Assessor's Map as AP 16, Lot 51. The barn is believed to have been constructed around 1850.

The owner presented architectural drawings of the property and photos of the features that they were interested in preserving.

The meeting was opened to public discussion. After all comments were heard, Marilyn Freeman made a motion to shorten the demolition period contingent upon the owner's commitment to make efforts to salvage the architecturally significant features. The motion was seconded by Jack Patterson. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.