

Minutes
Watertown Historical Commission
Thursday, May 8, 2014
Watertown Lower Hearing Room
7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission Members Present: David J. Russo, J. B. Jones, Elisabeth H. Loukas, Thomas Melone, Susan T. Steele

Member(s) Absent: Donald Berg, Marilynne K. Roach

Staff Present: Christopher J. Hayward, Patricia Mihelich

Russo chaired. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Public Hearing Continuance – 4-6 Sexton Street** - Demolition permit application submitted for existing two family residence and garage to be replaced with similar. Paul Bernard, applicant; Walter Ciccolo, owner.

John Ciccolo had bought the house with the intent of renovating it but found that it would be cost prohibitive to bring the house up to code and made ready for today's modern family. The Commission did a site visit of 4-6 Sexton. The Commission members who visited the residence all agreed that it was in very bad condition.

Vote: Loukas motioned that 4-6 Sexton Street is not preferably preserved, Melone seconded, all in favor for the demolition.

- 2. Public Hearing – 40 Townly Road** – Demolition permit application submitted for an existing two-car garage to be replaced with similar. Ruth Ewing, applicant; Michael Gillespie, owner.

Michael Gillespie, owner of 40 Townly Road, presented to the Commission that the existing garage is in poor condition. The new garage will be built to conform to existing zoning setbacks and the pitch will match the house.

Vote: Jones motioned 40 Townly Road that is not preferably preserved, Melone seconded, all in favor for the demolition.

- 3. April Minutes** – Approved

- 4. Preservation Awards**

The Commission decided on awarding the following awards:

1. Richard E. Mastrangelo Memorial – Watertown Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, “a Bicycle Ride Through Watertown”
2. Citizen Award – John Spector, “Soldier Monument” and Pam Piantedosi, “150 on Main”

3. Architectural Preservation – David LaRocca, “Soldier Monument”
4. Environmental Preservation – Perkins School for the Blind

David will do the Power Point for the ceremony.

Mihelich informed the Commission that this was her last meeting as she had received another job opportunity working at the Belmont Media Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.