

Minutes
of the
Watertown Historical Commission
Thursday, June 12, 2008
Lower Hearing Room

Historical Commission Members Present:

Jones, Roach, Berg

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Public Present: See attached Sign-In Form

Jones chaired. The meeting opened at 7:30p.m.

1. Public Hearing – Demolition Permit – 42 Dexter Street to demolish a two-car garage, Giovanni Cimino

Giovanni Cimino, owner, reported that the garage has been altered over the years. It has been expanded and has a new roof configuration. Only two side walls remain that are original. He proposed demolishing the garage, and relocating the adjacent 4-family dwelling to the site.

Jones expressed support of the project as it was an improvement and would save an old house.

Vote: Berg moved that the two-car garage at 42 Dexter Street was **not preferably preserved**. Roach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. **May Minutes** – adopted.

3. **Demolition of Accessory Structures** – Jones suggested that the Ordinance be changed to increase the age of accessory structures that come for demolition review. Discussion to be tabled to another meeting. Hayward recommended that they review the Ordinance for future review and change.

4. **Brown School Artifacts** – Hayward reported that the clock, sewing machine, and filing cabinet were removed from the Brown School. The clock is proposed for refurbishing. The clockmaker in Watertown Square was suggested to do the repairs.

5. **9 Winter Street** – Hayward informed that the engineer for the former prospective buyer deemed the property unsalvageable due to neglect. The present owner may be submitting a request for demolition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.