

Minutes
of the
Watertown Historical Commission
Thursday, February 13, 2008
Council Chambers

Historical Commission Members Present:

Russo, Roach, Jones, O'Looney

Staff Present: Hayward

Public Present: See attached Sign-In Form

The meeting opened at 7:30p.m.

- 1. Public Hearing Continuance - Demolition Permit for 69 Waverly Avenue, a three family residence to be demolished for new townhouses, Douglas S. Agule, applicant; Charles S. Russo, owner.**

For the record, Russo clarified that he was no relation to owner.

Doug Agule, supervising manager for Chatham Development, reported that the property was zoned R1-2. He was uncertain about the number of units that will be allowed by the ZBA and Planning Boards. The progress prints that he submitted were for

general intent and he expected that the final project would be similar to the progress prints.

Mary Larffarello, property owner, reported that her brother had bought the property 50 years ago.

Russo informed that the property was built circa 1911.

Peter Larffarello, property owner, informed that the property was a typical three family structure.

O'Looney indicated that the age of the property, approximately 100 years old, makes it historically significant.

Roach reported that there are few 3-family structures in Watertown.

Russo informed that the 3-family is somewhat rare in Watertown; few can be found in the East end of Watertown and even less in the West End of Watertown.

Jones regretted that there was not enough rationale to consider the property preferably preserved.

Vote: Jones moved that 69 Waverly Avenue was not preferably preserved. Roach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. Fowle House – MHC Preservation Award Nomination

It was agreed to submit a letter of support for the 2008 Preservation Award Nomination for the Fowle House.

Roach informed that the Historical Society's artifacts have been moved back to the site from St. John's Church. Preparations for the dedication ceremonies are underway.

3. January Minutes - approved

4. Landmark Ordinance – Russo reported that Councilor Hecht has been working with Russo and he is prepared to present the ordinance to council for subcommittee review.

5. Time Limits for DD and Not Preferably Preserved Determinations.

Russo reported that he is reviewing other communities' DD Ordinance for time limits.

6. Town Historian – Jones inquired about the status of the Town Historian. Russo reported that Watson was to report back on this item.

7. Expiration of Terms – Hayward will investigate members' expiration date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

