

**Dracut Historical Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

Present: Dave Paquin, Chairman

Bob Kohanski, Asst. Chairman

Harvey Gagnon

Louise Tremblay- Absent

Linda Kawa

Marc Gosselin

Paquin
Robert W. Kohanski

Harvey Gagnon

Linda Kawa

Minutes:

Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, at the Historic Building, 1660 Lakeview Ave. The minutes of the May 18, 2016 passed on a motion by of Ms Kawa, seconded by Mr. Gagnon, Motion passed.

Community Input:

Harvey Gagnon explained to the board he had has asked Leonard Proposki to take some pictures of 324 Broadway Rd before it gets demolished. The board thought it was a good idea. Mr. Gagnon will update the board at the next meeting with the bill for the service.

Beaver Brook Farm:

Mr. Paquin explained, that the BBFC have been talking about the Richardson's staying on the property, but there has been a question on their insurance.

Ms. Ware explained when the Town bought the farm, in the purchase and sales, the language stated that the Richardson's could stay on the farm until the end of September 2016, and they had to have their own insurance. Ms. Ware explained, now there was a question, did anyone collect Mr. Richardson's insurance when the purchase and sales was signed?

Also, what was not said in the language, was, did Peter have insurance for the haying, since he is doing the haying on the farm.

Legal Counsel suggested to the BBFC, that he gets insurance.

The Beaver Brook Farm Committee wants to start thinking about the reuse of the property.

Ms. Ware explained that the main house is the one that the Richardson's are in.

The committee is thinking about potentially giving them an extension until next April, but with the extension they want to clarify some of the issues relating to the house. 1) Some repairs have to happen, 2) the committee needs reasonable access to get into the house. 3) He also has a sublease that is there, and the BBFC are trying to deal with that also.

Ms. Ware stated that right now he is in the process of being sent a series of letters, one on insurance and one on his future tenant there as the caregiver of the property.

Ms. Ware also explained that she has been approached by a group about putting a telecommunication tower on the property. Ms. Ware explained to the group, you can't because this was bought with Community Preservation funds. It's a historic property, and there is a restriction on the property.

Ms. Ware explained after she thought about it, because she use to be in that industry, there was a lot of discussion on wanting to put the old water tower back up. The water tower was 80 to 90 feet in height.

Ms. Ware explained she approached the company about potentially putting the water tower back up. What would happen, is they would not use the original water tank, they would fabricate a new tank made out of nonmetallic fiberglass.

Ms. Ware stated she met with three gentlemen on site today, for three hours on potentially putting the water tank back up. It would be a branding, stating exactly where you are, it would say Beaver Brook Farm, it would be almost the exact dimensions of the tank, maybe a little bit taller. They would want to have a couple of carriers on the tank.

Ms. Ware stated, they can put small square antennas in it.

Ms. Kawa asked, what is the Town's take on it, Ms. Ware stated, her guess would be Four-to Six Thousand a month. The town would be getting more cell service and there would be income for the Town.

All of this would have to go through Town Meeting actions if it did happen.

Ms. Ware stated the BBFC is having a meeting with the Richardson's soon and she will update the board at the next meeting.

Demo Permits:

1087 & 1095 Lakeview Ave:

This was approved on a motion by Mark Gosselin, seconded by Linda Kawa.

520 Colburn Ave:

This was approved by Harvey Gagnon and seconded by Linda Kawa.

Update on Historical Buildings:

Ms. Ware passed out a Historic & Architectural resource Survey that explains the scope of work for the project and the phases it will go through.

Ms. Ware stated she has her consulting list done, the scope of work done, the general description and contract done, along with the general contact from council. Ms. Ware explained she has a list of parcels that she narrowed down to about 150 properties and she would like to get it down to about 136 properties with the boards help.

Ms. Ware explained the priority of the properties are agricultural properties, particularly, the extended farm houses and barns, the properties that are relatively intact per the Larsen Fisher study. There are some municipal buildings and churches that are also included.

Ms. Ware asked the board to take the list home and go over it to report back to her with suggestions to take off the list. Mr. Gosselin suggested that Ms. Ware could use the, 123 Properties that are all under the 1900's, for your base, since, those are the oldest.

Ms. Ware explained that she could add the municipal's schools that were built at the turn of the century. Then there would be thirty-eight left. Ms. Ware stated she will cut 30 post 1900s from this list, keep them for the next list. And then go from there.

New Business:

No update

Old Business:

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was read along with the following bills which were paid by the Treasurer:

May	Landscaping _	\$55.00
	DWSD	\$30.87
	National Grid- Electric	\$210.93
June	ASAP _	\$700.00
June	National Grid- Gas	\$56.76

Linda Kawa made a motion to approve payment of these invoices. This was seconded by Marc Gosselin, Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm on a motion of Ms. Kawa and seconded by Mr. Gagnon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marylee Enos, Recording Secretary