

**Sturbridge Historical Commission     Minutes June 22, 2020   10:30 a.m.   Virtual Meeting**

**Call to Order:   10:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Barbara A. Search, Chair: Richard Volpe Vice-Chair: Charles Blanchard: Bailey Applegate: Jean Bubon, Facilitator: Kirstie Pecci, Guest **Absent:** Cathy Zavistoski, Secretary

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations of the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Historical Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access codes. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

**Review Minutes:** May 14, 2020 Move CB, 2nd RV, Unanimous

**Discussion about the cement block milking barn on the 138 MacGilpin Rd. property owner** Kirstin Pecci requests a demolition permit. At the request of the Building Inspector, Nelson Burlingam, Ian Harper, builder, contacted BS about if the demolition would initiate a Demolition Delay order. BS shared previously by email copies of notes made by KP in 2003 about a review of the barn done by experts from Old Sturbridge Village indicating the barn is from the 1930's to 1940's based on the construction material, and information CB found in the 1931 Sturbridge Tax Accessor book showing one barn (the wood barn dated 1840's per OSV experts). This evidence shows the barn is not 100 years old and does not fall under the criteria for a Demolition Delay per the bylaw. CB moved the HC not act on a Demolition Delay; 2<sup>nd</sup> RV unanimous. JB suggested the HC send a letter to the Building Inspector with our findings.

**Encumbrance of \$1000 in the Betterment fund** for the historic recognition plaques. All are black but the one for the Publick House will be blue and ½ inch thick.

No need to encumber 2020 Supplies/Exp. Account for other expenses related to the plaque presentation as the 2021 budget has enough to cover any expenses over the \$1000.

**Old Business** – CB asked about update on archives project – there is no update.

**New Business** – none

**Adjourn:** 10:48 move CB, 2<sup>nd</sup> RV, unanimous

**Respectfully Submitted** Barbara A. Search, Chair