

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Historic Review Committee
Killingworth Town Hall, Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

In attendance: L. Scranton, L. Riblet, D. Meixell, J.Hutchins, E. Disbrow
Visitor: Scott Sweirad, applicant T. Lentz, Town Historian

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Procedural Review: New members to the committee were given a brief review of the committee's charge, and of the Delay of Demolition ordinance. Town Historian Tom Lentz was present to offer procedural guidance and commentary on the site.
3. Election of Officers
After brief discussion, Lew Scranton moved to nominate Elizabeth Disbrow as committee chair. The motion was seconded by Les Riblet. There were no further nominations. Voting in favor: Scranton, Riblet, Meixell, Disbrow. Opposed: none. Absent: Joseph Hutchins (arrived late) The motion carried.
4. Pending demolition application for 24 Birch Mill Road
Scott Sweirad has applied for demolition of a small dwelling, built in the early 1900s. It is his intention to build a new home on the same footprint. A photo and map of the property, which sits on Kroupa's Pond, was viewed on the town website. Town historian Tom Lentz provided background information on the property, the site of an old mill. In response to Committee questions, Mr. Sweirad described the structure as having no foundation, a deteriorating fireplace, and a failing roof. It was noted that the original Birch Mill foundation still sits on the property, and that the owner has no intention of disturbing that site.

Lew Scranton moved that the applicant be permitted to proceed with demolition, citing that there was no historic value, no notable architectural features and no reason to keep it. The motion was seconded by Les Riblet and put to discussion. There was general consensus that while the dwelling does not appear to have architectural or historic significance, it would be prudent to visit the site before making a decision. Voting in favor of the motion: Scranton. Opposed: Disbrow, Hutchins, Meixell. The motion did not pass.

Mr. Sweirad left the meeting. The Committee agreed to meet at the site on Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment
A motion by Lew Scranton, seconded by David Meixell, to adjourn at 1:30 passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 1/31/18.