

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Historic Review Committee

Killingworth Town Hall

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

1:00 p.m.

In attendance: Elizabeth Disbrow, Joseph Hutchins, David Meixell, Lewis Scranton, Rachel Schemmerling, Town Historian Thomas Lentz, applicant Michael Harkin. Absent: Lucinda Hogarty

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Election of Officers

A motion by Scranton, seconded by Schemmerling, to reelect Elizabeth Disbrow as chair passed unanimously. There were no nominations for the Secretary position.

3. Pending demolition application

The property owner, Michael Harkin, presented the attached preliminary application. The structure is an early 20th century garage, formerly associated with the house across the street (now the Killingworth Inn). It is said to have housed the KVFC's original fire truck. The structure is in extreme disrepair.

Scranton moved to allow the demolition application regarding 250 Route 81 to proceed without delay. The motion was seconded by Meixell.

Discussion:

A site plan and photos of the structure were reviewed and it was noted that there are no footings, no foundation, and the building is out of plumb. There was general consensus that the structure is not salvageable. There was extensive discussion about the owner's plans for the site. He hopes to rebuild, on the same footprint, a similar structure allowing for office space and, potentially, a seasonal take-out window for ice cream sales.

There was agreement that the committee would not oppose a permit for demolition. Town Historian Lentz noted that this is the third historic structure to fall to demolition due to extreme disrepair and suggested the town look into means for preventing this type of loss.

The above motion was put to a vote. **Voting in favor: Disbrow, Hutchins, Schemmerling, Meixell, Scranton. Opposed: none Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Disbrow on 2/8/19.