

THE DEMOLITION COMMITTEE  
February 27, 2017  
Minutes

The Demolition Committee met in General Session on February 27, 2017 at The Longmeadow Police Department. Present were Craig Carr, Elizabeth Hoff, Sandra Krein, and Daniel O'Malley. Excused: Steve Weiss. Also present: Kate and Mark Bean

The meeting opened in General Session at 6:30. The first item of business was to discuss who would chair the committee.

Dan O'Malley moved to nominate Elizabeth Hoff as chair. Sandra Krein seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dan O'Malley reminded everyone that the committee must meet once a year even if there are no issues pending.

There was brief discussion regarding the present DPW. Part of the building was originally the old train station. Should the town wish to raise the property after the new DPW is built then there may be an issue regarding it being demolished. It is uncertain what the plans are for the building in the future.

Craig Carr explained that Michael Doyle will hopefully be joining the committee as an at large member as soon as he is sworn in by The Select Board.

Dan O'Malley reviewed the inspection that was done at 822 Longmeadow Street. He felt that the house would be very difficult to bring it up to what is currently wanted for living space for today's lifestyle. It was felt that additions have compromised the historic integrity of the home. It appears that it does not have either architectural or historical importance.

Sandra Krein moved to close the general meeting. Dan O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The public meeting of The Demolition Committee commenced at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the above mentioned attendees, Melinda and Henry Cropsey were in present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the application from Kate and Mark Bean to demolish the residence at 822 Longmeadow Street. The house was the home of The Burt family and built at least before 1831 and was originally located at 862 Longmeadow Street but moved to accommodate the present home at that location.

Henry Cropsey spoke to the concern. He stated that he understands the purpose of the Demolition Delay by-law however, he lives in the neighborhood and fully supports the Bean's plans.

A letter from the Bean's architect, Duo Dickinson, FAIA was passed around for all to read. Mr Dickinson is a board member of the New Haven Preservation Trust. It stated that the home is no longer historically significant in his opinion.

The Beans spoke of the barn on the property which is one of the oldest remaining barns in the town. They are planning not only to keep the barn but to try and make it structurally safe. They said that if the home had been architecturally different , they would perhaps have tried to save it. Questions were asked about the door and the floor boards. They are planning on using the floor boards.

It was asked if it would be all right if someone goes in to document what is in the house . The Beans were fine with the request.

Daniel O'Malley moved to close the public meeting. Sandra Krein seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Daniel O'Malley moved to vote as to whether or not to delay the demolition of the house at 822 Longmeadow Street. There was discussion pertaining to the vote needing to pass with a super majority. Elizabeth Hoff disagreed and referred to a legal opinion regarding the issue. As it would not affect the vote, Sandra Krein seconded the motion . Beth Hoff asked who was in favor of allowing the house to be demolished without a delay. All were in favor.

Daniel O'Malley moved to close the meeting, Sandra Krein seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig T. Carr  
Secretary