

Princeton Historical Commission

Minutes of meeting: March 29, 2018

Members present: Joyce Anderson, Krista Ferrante, Matt Lindberg, Phil Mighdoll, Larry Todd (chair).

Guests present: Dr. Dan Ervin (property owner), John Flick (attorney), Scott Wood (contractor).

Meeting was called to order at 7: 02 pm.

Partial Demolition Permit.

The subject is the property at 30 Mountain Road which suffered a major fire loss. Dr. Ervin explained that he intends to preserve as much of historical value on the site as is possible. Initially there needs to be a partial demolition to discover what can be reused for a code-compliant restoration. For example, parts of the old foundation may not be acceptable per input from the building inspector. The fire started in the kitchen and the left side of the structure and the roof suffered significant damage.

Dr. Ervin is quite sensitive to the historical significance of this landmark Princeton property. He recognizes that a further demolition permit may be necessary as progress is made on the project.

Dr. Ervin is applying to the ZBA to remodel and use of barn as a temporary residence. The members voted, unanimously, to support that request and Larry will write to the ZBA expressing our support.

The members also voted, unanimously, to approve the Partial Demolition Permit.

It was suggested that Dr. Ervin contact Phyllis Booth about writing an article describing the effort to preserve the property.

Facilities Planning Committee.

Larry provided an overview of the probably ATM articles regarding the projects to renovate Bagg Hall and provide for a new Public Safety building at the current Princeton Community Center site. Apparently several alternatives will be in the warrant.

In our discussion there was concern about whether the voters will be confused with the options. Nevertheless, we reiterated the motion passed as the last PHC meeting:

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“The PHC will make a verbal statement at the ATM in support of any warrant article which is intended to restore and preserve these two historic buildings.”

The PHC website.

Phil and Joyce have transferred pictures and work is beginning to add these to the website. . Joyce will provide text descriptions of these buildings. Phil has added pictures of 290 Redemption Rock Trail North since it's the oldest in Princeton

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, 4/25 at 7 pm in the Annex.

Submitted by *Phil Mighdoll*