

Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, Melanie Rollins at 7:02 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, Melanie Rollins called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair, Melanie Rollins, David Waldron; Michael Jean Smith, and Matt Shildneck.

Also present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

Review of the minutes from the HPRB meeting of 09.22.10 were postponed until the next meeting.

Design Review: Spring Street School

Board member and architect David Waldron addressed the board regarding the proposed building of a portable storage shed for Spring Street International School at 505 Spring Street. Waldron is the architect for the project. The school occupies two highly significant historic residences and has already added several outbuildings to the property.

As background Waldron explained to the board that the School, currently of 80 students, is in the fourth year of a fifty year lease meaning that they can build, take out mortgages or have the Nash family (property owners) build on the property.

After pricing ready-made sheds the school decided to build their own with materials donated by local contractors. It will be constructed in a style compatible with Friday Harbor's vernacular architecture, and compatible with the historic buildings on the site. It will be a non-heated, locked storage shed with an extended roof on one end to cover a mower. The shed will be on skids so it can be moved. It will have a glass "store door".

The board reviewed this project following guidelines for new construction – residential, page 69-70 HPRB manual.

Compatibility Defined:

1. Scale: meets language and intent. – Yes

2. Roof: Yes
3. Doors: Door could be easily removed and is out of public view. - N/A

Board member Matt Shildneck mentioned that property owner Christopher Burke is planning to remove an actual historic shed of similar proportions from his property and suggested Waldron contact Mr. Burke.

Printonyx

HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou informed the board that plans are underway for the Printonyx building, (adjacent to the Post Office) and originally a residence, to be removed or demolished in order to be replaced by a new building. By the fifty year standard this house could be considered historic. No action was required by the board.

G.B. Driggs (Boe) Barn

Coordinator Strehlou requested Board members take a look at the Boe barn, a one-story barn behind the G.B. Driggs House #1 and Acanthus, (historically known as the Rourke House) on Argyle Avenue. She believes the owner intends to demolish the barn. In correspondence from Boyd Pratt, the 100 Friends of Old Island barns is not recommending that the HPRB recommend preservation, due to the compromised condition of the structure.

The Whale Museum

As upgrades proceed at The Whale Museum, current plans include reconfiguring the outside staircase and removing the 10 ft. columns that came from Friday Harbor's original High School. The columns are not long enough to accommodate the proposed staircase and landings, and were not originally a part of the building. In preliminary discussions the Board determined that the columns could be removed, but that they should be salvaged for use in another public site, preferably the middle or high school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48

Melanie Rollins, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary