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HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

APRIL 23, 2019

SILVA ROOM, FLYNN BUILDING, 278 OLD SUDBURY ROAD

Members Present: Fred Taylor, Chair, Linda Hawes, Frank Riepe, Lee Swanson and William Andreas.

New Business:

Chair Taylor opened the meeting by reading the agenda into the record as posted at the Town Clerk's office and Town's website, which noted the following Historic District Commission discussion item and opened the meeting.

554 Boston Post Road – Discussion.

Mr. Taylor gave the Commission a synthesis of a proposed project of a large self-storage facility at 554 Boston Post Road home of the Stone Farm and the Stone Tavern, he stated the purpose of this meeting was for the Commission to weigh in on whether comments about this project should be shared with the Board of Appeals, the applicant Ann Stone and Quentin Nowland from Lynch Tree have submitted a request for a Use Variance to the Board of Appeals.

Mr. Andreas shared he researched the topic of storage facilities and one of the things he found out in the storage unit trade magazines was a number of articles written by experts on storage units that state these days is better to re-purpose buildings than to build new ones, one of the reasons was cost and the other reason was preservation of the community street scape, in his opinion it is important to preserve the barn, the house and the street scape.

Ms. Hawes agreed the street scape needs to be preserve and, in her view, it was a horrible idea to put a storage facility on this location.

Mr. Riepe stated he agreed with Mr. Andreas and Ms. Hawes and in his opinion, this should be a matter for Town Meeting and not for the Board of Appeals to rule on.

Ms. Swanson agreed that this should be a matter for Town Meeting.

Mr. Taylor stated that based on the discussion that took place at this meeting the Commission will send a correspondence to the Board of Appeals.

Other Business:

Miscellaneous:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Chair Taylor, seconded by Mr. Andreas, with all members voting in favor. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.