



TOWN OF WINCHESTER
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
WINCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01890

Meeting Minutes

Date/Room: September 19, 2016
Winchester Room Town Hall

Member Present: Heather von Mering (Chair), Bruce Hickey (Vice chair), Jenny Adams,
Janet Boswell, John Clemson, Jack LeMenager

Members Absent: Michelle McCarthy

Also Present: Ann Sera – 5 Andrea Circle
Kathryn Hughes – 140 Cambridge St
Diane Curry – 2 Blossom Hill Rd

Public information meeting began at 7:39pm with a presentation by Brian Szekely, Town Planner

Comments from Audience:

Ann Sera - 5 Andrea Circle

Town Meeting Member Precinct 1 – Residents of her district feel that the current proposal puts an unfair burden on home owners who fall under this new 1940 timeframe. She believes all building should be under review or use a 50 year rolling date.

Heather Von Mering responded: The National and Massachusetts Registers require a property to be 50 years old to be considered historical. The 1940 timeframe is proposed due to the type of building that occurred in Winchester after WW1 - non-distinct cluster developments.

Kathryn Hughes – 140 Cambridge St

Questioned if Mass Historical Commission is currently reviewing this by-law.

Heather Von Mering responded that the Mass Historical Commission will receive a copy of this by-law after it has gone through the final review from Town Counsel and the Board of Selectmen. The reasoning behind Mass Historical Commission approving this revised by-law is to enable the town to receive grant money from the state to aid in historical preservation.

Heather von Mering closed the meeting at 8:20pm and thanked the audience for attending this informational session.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Stevens, Recording Secretary

Heather von Mering, Chair

Date