



## Westfield Historic Preservation Commission

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**Meeting Date:** April 24, 2023

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting of the Commission

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was provided by noticing this meeting in the Westfield Leader, TAP and by posting it on the bulletin board in Town Hall.

**Attendees:** Maria Boyes (Chair), Jennifer Jaruzelski (Vice-chair), Kelly Kessler, Ann Freedman (Planning Board), Greg Blasi, Maryellen McVeigh, Alt#2.

**Absent:** Carol Tener (Town Historian), Mark LoGrippe (TC), Katie Spikes, Barton Ross (HPO), MaryAnne Healy, Jacqueline Brevard, Kathryn Reed, Alt#1,

**Approval of Minutes:** March 27, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jennifer Jaruzelski and seconded by Kelly Kessler. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Informal Review for 667 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** The application to subdivide this property and erect a new residential structure was approved March 25, 2019. It was renewed on March 5, 2022 to compensate for delays resulting from the COVID pandemic. Yussef Abou of Sicon, LLC, a construction management and general contracting firm, appeared before the Commission to clarify issues relating to the placement of the new building and possible alterations to the approved plan. The committee wished to ensure sightlines for the original historic structure which remains on the property would not be obstructed by any aspect of the new construction. Mr. Abou was advised he must adhere to the original placement, architectural plan, and building materials that were approved and that any alterations would require approval through the town's Planning Board.

**Historic Preservation Officer Update:** The committee was advised there were no pre-1930s demolitions to be considered. The grant funded Downtown Survey project, which will involve three separate phases, was discussed and the issue of whether the project will require an RFP will be referred to Jim Gildea for clarification.

**Proposed HPC Ordinance Revisions:** Town Council will be considering the proposed ordinance revisions at their April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was noted that members of the committee had not received a copy of the revisions that were proposed in connection with the Town's effort to obtain Certified Local Government status from the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office. Tom Jardim will arrange for copies of the ordinance revisions to be sent to Commission members.

It was noted that the three Stoneleigh Park properties the Committee recommended for Historic Designation will be before Town Council on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Expedited Review Update:** 256 Kimball. Commission member Kelly Kessler is working with the owner, Richard Veal, to ensure the building, originally a carriage house built c. 1880, is sustained. A shortform application for repair work has been submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Committee Updates:** No updates reported.

**National Preservation Month in May:** Commission member Jennifer Jarulzelski is spearheading the historic architecture of Westfield Bracket Challenge activity which will feature 16 styles of architecture that are represented in Westfield. Potential venues, promotion, and dates for the Bracket Challenge were discussed.

**2023 Devlin Awards:** Committee member Greg Blasi is coordinating efforts to align the awards with an exhibit of artist Harry Devlin's works at the Center for Creativity at the Rialto in September. A Google drive will be established outlining requirements and providing space for nominations.

**Open meeting to members of the Public:** No members of the public were in attendance.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Kessler and seconded by Greg Blasi. The motion carried unanimously.