

# **DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Minutes December 30, 2024**

The Demolition Review Committee met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, at 41 Green St, Concord, NH, on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Members: Chair Richard Jaques, Vice-Chair James Spain, Dr. Bryant Tolles, Jr.

Absent: Alternate Mike Dunn

Guests: None

Staff: AnneMarie Skinner, City Planner

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jaques at 4:30 p.m.

### **2. Minutes**

Vice-Chair Spain moved, seconded by Dr. Tolles, to approve the minutes, as written, for the meeting on December 5, 2024, and the meeting on December 16, 2024. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. New Business**

- a. Determine whether the building at 1 Silk Farm Rd is potentially historically or architecturally significant utilizing the National Register of Historic Places criteria as guidelines
- b. Determine whether the building at 212 Dunbarton Rd is potentially historically or architecturally significant utilizing the National Register of Historic Places criteria as guidelines

Ms. Skinner reminded the group of the criteria for potentially historically or architecturally significant as follows:

- The structure is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history;
- The structure is associated with the lives of significant persons in or past; or
- The structure embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- The structure has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Ms. Skinner further stated that neither the reason for demolition or the condition of the structure are criteria for potential historic or architectural significance.

Both buildings were discussed simultaneously. Vice-Chair Spain stated that every building contributes to the fabric of our society in our community and feels it is important to preserve these buildings of a certain age.

Vice-Chair Spain and Chair Jaques noted that both buildings embody the distinctive characteristics of a typical New England farmhouse.

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Chair Jaques expressed interest in knowing why the buildings are being demolished. Vice-Chair Spain and Member Tolles both echoed that sentiment.

Member Tolles noted that he is puzzled, given the location, as to why the buildings need to be demolished.

All three members noted that they would like to photograph the inside of both buildings.

Vice-Chair Spain reiterated that he would like an explanation for the demolitions.

Member Tolles also reiterated that he would like an explanation for the demolitions.

Chair Jaques would like to tour the inside of both buildings.

Chair Jaques moved, seconded by Member Tolles, to declare the building at 1 Silk Farm Rd as potentially historically or architecturally significant because the structure embodies the distinctive characteristics of a typical New England farmhouse, and to hold a public hearing regarding the demolition, on January 16, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Jaques moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Spain, to declare the building at 212 Dunbarton Rd as potentially historically or architecturally significant because the structure embodies the distinctive characteristics of a typical New England farmhouse, and to hold a public hearing regarding the demolition, on January 16, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Jaques moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Spain, to direct staff to coordinate a tour of the inside of both of the buildings on January 9, 2025.

#### **4. Other Business**

None

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Jaques moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Spain, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
AnneMarie Skinner, AICP  
City Planner