

SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 3, 2021

A meeting of the Salem Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm via **Zoom Virtual Meeting**. Present were: Patti Kelleher (staff), Milo Martinez, Larry Spang (Chair), Mark Pattison, Rebecca English, Mark Meche. Not present: Stacey Norkun, Reed Cutting, Vijay Joyce.

106 Federal Street

Susan Weldon submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to change storm window color

Documents & Exhibits:

- Application dated 10/11/21
- Photos

Susan Weldon was present.

Ms. Weldon presented her application to change storm windows to black. She indicated that nearby neighbors recently received approval to paint their storm windows black. Chair Spang asked if the intent was to paint the perimeter of the frame. Ms. Weldon noted that the window sashes cannot be seen, and she is not looking to paint the windows themselves, only the storms. She noted that the home has 41 windows. Mr. Meche asked if the Commission has authority over painting storms. Chair Spang noted that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over storms but does have jurisdiction over alterations to the color of storms. Mr. Martinez expressed support in favor of the applicant. Ms. Kelleher noted that the Commission has approved dark storm windows in the past: two properties on Beckford were cited as receiving approval. The older Commission guidelines stated that storms should match window or trim color. Mr. Pattison expressed concerns about the dark storm windows not matching either the light window sash and trim.

Public comment:

David Hart, 104 Federal Street, had no negative comments to share and voiced support.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to accept the application to paint the storm window. Ms. English seconded the motion. Mr. Meche expressed interest in amending the motion in order to avoid setting precedent. Mr. Martinez felt that precedent had already been set via the Beckford properties and noted that Commission may reach determinations on case-by-case bases moving forward and did not accept the amendment. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

374 Essex Street – continuation

Emma and James Sullivan submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace gutters.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 9/20/21
- Plans/drawings
- Photographs

James Sullivan was present.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the application had been amended to withdraw the request to replace gutters on front of house on Essex Street, though he still wishes to replace the back gutters. A site visit had been conducted between the last meeting and the present. Mr. Sullivan noted that new documents have been delivered showing schematic of existing conditions and proposed new conditions, as requested by Commission. Chair Spang showed drawings of existing conditions (e.g., soffit, trim work, etc.). Chair Spang clarified that the applicant is looking to cut back existing slate in order that rain would flow into new gutter; and place a new piece of fascia hanging roughly 5/8" outward. The issue is how to get the two to overlay and for the Commission to see the plan between existing and new. Mr. Sullivan clarified that the board under the soffit is not changing; the soffit will remain; and the fascia will remain unchanged. Chair Spang noted that the existing half-round copper gutters were hung from sheathing/roof edge. Chair Spang was under the impression that the cornice would be replaced with gutter to match in kind, and roof edge would be modified to allow drainage. Chair Spang asked whether the new gutter would be similar in shape and dimension or longer. Mr. Sullivan replied that the replacement would extend be about an inch further. He also noted that the planned gutter is extruded aluminum.

Mr. Meche asked about the dimensions of the planned gutter, which Chair Spang noted was about 4" x 4 1/2". Chair Spang recapped that this planned application would involve losing older molding, replacing with gutter and OG shape that is trying to replicate existing, as well as cutting back the slate. Mr. Pattison proposed using ice and water shield with flashing. Mr. Meche noted that the snow guards will be the stop. Mr. Meche asked if the applicant has looked at the fiber gutter. Mr. Sullivan expressed wanting a product designed to replicate wood gutters, as well as one with projected longer life. Mr. Sullivan received quotes for all of the products and associated work, installations, etc. He stated that he appreciated the ability to see the cornice and did not like the look of the half rounds. Mr. Sullivan noted that the non-functional half rounds are actively concentrating water into the bulkhead and into the basement; and expressed the desire to have them removed regardless of the present application. Mr. Meche asked about the intended finish on the aluminum. The plan would be to paint and match the trim of the house, which is white. Mr. Meche noted that the product comes in a smooth and shiny finish. Mr. Sullivan noted that the product is primed and could be made to look matte.

Mr. Pattison noted that the location of the planned project on the property is not prominent on the facade and is not very invasive. Ms. English agreed, and Mr. Meche also expressed support. Mr. Meche clarified that the gutter can be moved up or down the fascia and noted that homeowners need to contend with water in order to maintain preservation.

VOTE: Mr. Meche made a motion to approve the application as proposed with the following items; place gutters on strong wood; remove existing cornice trim; peel back the slate as needed to install new gutter; existing fascia to remain; place a ground trim detail below new gutter; all gutters to be painted to match existing; provide more detail on how the return will be treated on the gable end (i.e. drawings prior to installation); and noted that this approval does not set precedent for the neighborhood. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

Mr. Sullivan noted that existing conditions on gable end return were shown in original application; the corner will be mitered into the gutter

35 Chestnut Street - continuation

Matthew Eapen and Julia Lippman submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new egress door and stair.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 9/24/21
- Photos
- Elevation drawings by Pitman & Wardley

Matthew Eapen, owner, and Peter Pitman, project architect were present.

Mr. Pitman noted that a field recommendation was made to cut the sidewalk back to fit stairs and noted that parallel handrails will be installed. Further, a window will be converted to a door, and the stair will cascade and go down to a parking space as well as to the backyard. A similar staircase is located directly next door. Precedents of staircases around the neighborhood were also shown. Materials for the project would include wood railings, treads, risers with slat screening. Location of planned window removal/conversion to door was shown, as was the bottom riser/tread. Based on site visit, the applicants are now proposing to add a brick landing. Wood trim would be painted to match existing.

Mr. Meche asked if the window to the left in the side view was accurate, i.e., a double-hung window. Mr. Pitman clarified that no windows are being changed other than the door conversion by the planned deck. Mr. Meche noted that aspects of the façade that are not original to the house make this plan seem less damaging to pristine historical fabric. Mr. Martinez asked if specifications are available for the door, which were shown (i.e., insulated glass). Mr. Martinez asked for guidance as to whether such types of doors and/or insulated glass have been approved in the past; it was noted that double-glazed windows have been approved in the past. The door will be painted to match (i.e., white). Mr. Meche clarified that modern low-e glass has high transmissibility levels; low-e should not be treated as though it automatically changes the color of glass; such products/qualities may be worthwhile considering in the care of old buildings. Mr. Pattison expressed concerns about the proposal stating that it would be detrimental to the overall historic design and alter the footprint. Mr. Pattison expressed support for a brick or granite staircase but that the planned wood construction is not desirable.

Public comment:

Christopher Patzke, Lafayette Street, did not think that the planned elevations resolve the fence at back of property. If approved, the rear stoop would conflict with existing fence. He recommended that Commission should consider entire design rather than focus only on the stoop isolated from other elements. Mr. Patzke noted that the fence is not in line with the tread but is rather towards the street and would come into landing where the right door is.

Ms. Kelleher noted that the fence in question was approved in 2019. The drawing on file shows the fence at the rear corner of rear addition. The existing information on file also notes that the fence was to be painted white to match trim.

Mr. Pattison clarified for Mr. Meche that the stairs protrude out from the building by four feet. Mr. Meche preferred to see the stairs as three feet clear; stating the lower the profile, the better. Mr. Meche clarified that those three feet would include the iron rail and be brick. Mr. Martinez felt that wood was less overbearing, noting that stone and brick would feel heavier or more obtrusive. Mr. Meche noted that

guidelines do not suggest that new additions should be made to look as though they were original. Chair Spang noted that the addition was on the utility side of the house; thus, making the more informal look of the wood more acceptable or sensible.

VOTE: Mr. Meche made a motion to accept the application as revised; with the caveat that the fence be painted and the location of the stair be established via drawings; treads be approximately 3' wide; stairs to be as drawn with the fence; and with granite landing/tread at the bottom on the street side. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion and requested that the revised plan be examined to see what the tread looks like before construction commences. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison (no), Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

122 Derby Street - continuation

Robert Burkinshaw submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to rebuild addition.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 8/20/21
- Photos
- Plans/drawings by JFA Architects

Robert Burkinshaw, owner, and John Andrews, project architect, were present on the call.

The applicant and architect presented drawings request by the Commission to show details of the proposed addition. There was a thought that the new addition to the right would be lower with a parapet, as well as the middle section. A rendering and study model were also provided as well as an image of planned study model. Chair Spang clarified that the existing eave depth would remain unchanged (the shown rendering looked as though the depth would be greatly increased). Mr. Meche asked if this plan has cleared zoning, expressing concern that nonconformity was increasing. Mr. Meche noted that the building commissioner/inspector should be consulted since the second floor of the building was being expanded, which may require a special permit for non-conforming buildings. Mr. Pattison expressed support for the new rendering so long as the eave edges are subordinated. Ms. English and Mr. Martinez agreed. Mr. Martinez expressed readiness in approving the application in mass and concept before proceeding to address windows, doors, and so forth. Mr. Martinez also noted the desire to have the upper panes vertically oriented rather than horizontal.

Public comment:

Todd Waller, 26 Hardy St., expressed support for the proposal as well as for the continuation of roofline at a different plane. Mr. Waller echoed the Commission's note about the windows on the second floor and commended the project overall.

Chair Spang noted that the 2nd floor windowsills should align rather than the window header to suggest floor alignments. This would require the windows to be pulled down a bit.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez motioned to approve the concept massing and general layout with final dimensions, windows, door specs, trim, etc. to be reviewed and approved by the Commission after ZBA approval. Ms. English seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

337 Essex Street – continuation

Salem Athenaeum submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to modify gutters

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 10/20/21
- Plans/drawings
- Photos

Jean Marie Procius and Louis Sirianni were present.

Ms. Procius and Mr. Sirianni presented the application for gutter diverters. They noted that in the building corner where the entrance pediment meets the roof the existing diverter is not adequate and water overflow is occurring. Staining from copper with overspill is taking place, flowing down the building to window below. The applicants are looking to extend existing diverters at edge of gutter. A photograph was shown to demonstrate an example of the proposed diverter. Photos of damage to the building's shutters from water damage were also shown. Chair Spang asked for clarification on the look and shape of the planned diverter. The applicants noted that a long piece of copper was planned. Mr. Meche asked how the copper would be applied to the corner and Chair Spang inquired as to the height of the vertical piece of copper. Mr. Sirianni replied that the item would be 4" tall, from corner in each direction not more than 3'; and installed at outer edge of the gutter; in effect a taller gutter would be created. Chair Spang asked how this would be installed, to which Mr. Sirianni noted that it would be attached to the edge via screw. Mr. Meche asked if perforated metal copper could be added to the roof edge before the gutter to slow water entering the gutter had been considered. Mr. Sirianni said the roofing contractor came to the applicants with a project that was done in the past; and that this is the only option that has been discussed so far. Chair Spang noted that these will be unobtrusively fastened to edge of existing gutter.

Public comment:

Mary Whitney, address unknown, voiced support of the application.

Chair Spang asked for Mass Historical Commission's role in this application since they provided funding for the building. Ms. Procius replied that MHC also needs to approve the proposal. She noted that the Athenaeum has preservation restrictions with both the City and the state. Mr. Pattison expressed concern that the proposed design was too intrusive and recommended that the diverter be 4" high at the corner and then taper down as it moves away in either direction. Mr. Martinez agreed. Mr. Meche encouraged consideration of the perforated model, noting that slowing down the velocity and dispersing the water is key. Mr. Sirianni was receptive to Mr. Pattison's idea of tapering the diverters. Mr. Sirianni indicated the need to speak with the contractor about Mr. Meche's suggestion of looking at perforated diverters.

Chair Spang requested a mockup from the Athenaeum's roofing contractor. Mr. Pattison also requested better quality photos of what is existing on the property. Mr. Meche asked if allowing temporary installation by way of a mockup could be helpful to the Commission and the Athenaeum. Mr. Sirianni noted that the contractor will be contacted as far as products, installation, etc.

VOTE: Mr. Meche made a motion to continue the application to November 17 meeting. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang, were in favor and the motion so carried.

124 Derby Street

Todd Waller submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for building modifications and paint colors.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 10/14/21
- Photos
- Paint color chips

Todd Waller was present.

Mr. Waller noted that the building has not been touched in about 10 years; and was only recently closed on at the beginning of October. With weather closing in and repairs that need to be done prior to winter setting in, limited number of contractors available, etc., there is a sense of urgency to move forward with plans. The main work that was done so far was the foundation, i.e., brick foundation was falling apart in corner. Mr. Waller noted that the closest match to trim is Benjamin Moore HC184 Cottage Red or Rolling Hills/Sage. The applicant also requested input on the backdoor to the property, which is currently an undesirable metal door that is more or less rotted away. A Brosco 6-lite wooden door is planned. The property is about 1000 sq ft, 520 sq ft on first, 520 on second. The property was a pool hall at some point, its origin was about 1905; has also served as a barber shop, fish market, and law office most recently, though has not seen much use in the last 10 years.

Chair Spang asked after the repairs to the brick foundation; typically a Certificate of Non-Applicability is procured. Chair Spang also asked if re-parging would be done or if parging would be taken off, to which Mr. Waller noted that re-parging had been done. Chair Spang noted that this was an in-kind repair.

Chair Spang clarified that the paint colors were the subject of the present application; noting that the backdoor is not visible from Derby St and not subject to review. Mr. Waller noted that all of the existing red (the trim) will remain red and the yellowish/faded yellow will be painted in Rolling Hills 1497. The potential age of the building was discussed to determine that more paint colors may be available to the owner in terms of historical appropriateness.

No public comment.

Mr. Pattison noticed that between the two colors proposed, neither is definitively body versus trim. Mr. Martinez was in favor of a lighter body color but was open to approving the proposed colors.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the Certificate of Non-Applicability for the parging work that was done to the brick foundation. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the colors for 124 Derby St trim in Cottage Red and body in Rolling Hills; body satin; trim semi-gloss. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the withdrawal of the building modifications from the application without prejudice to 124 Derby St. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

85 Memorial Drive

The City of Salem submitted a request to waive the demolition delay ordinance to demolish buildings at Camp Naumkeag.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 10/18/21
- Plans/drawings
- Photos

Elizabeth Petersen (executive director of Pioneer Village), Chris Genter from ObjectIDEA, Glen Valentine from Stimpson Architects, Margaret Minor Wood (consulting project manager working with City of Salem), Matt Kirchman, and Elizabeth Solomon were present.

Ms. Wood presented the application to waive the demolition delay for the buildings at Camp Naumkeag. She also provided a general overview of the proposed redevelopment of the site, which involves relocating Pioneer Village to the Camp Naumkeag site. In addition to the relocated buildings, the site would also include a visitor orientation center. Ms. Wood commented on the team's cognizance of the importance of the Camp Naumkeag history but noted that the extant buildings are vacant and in poor condition.

Mr. Genter presented information on the environmental threats to Pioneer Village at its Forest River site.

Ms. Petersen, who is director of Pioneer Village as well as the Charter Street Welcome Center and the Witch House, spoke to concerns that have been raised in the community regarding the Camp Naumkeag site. Ms. Petersen noted that the mission of Pioneer Village continues to be the same as it was in 1930 but responsibility and accountability must be ensured. Ms. Petersen noted the desire to include the voices of the Naumkeag, Massachusetts tribe into the interpretation to ensure an accurate representation of the area's indigenous populations prior to John Winthrop's arrival. She stated that the highest form of respect that could be bestowed on the Village would be its continued survival.

Mr. Kirchman, a museum planner and former camp director, stated that he works with museums and historic sites that are in transition; repositioning spaces intellectually and physically moving them. Mr. Kirchman noted that it may not be appropriate to call Pioneer Village by that name moving forward, noting the team's ambition to accomplish more than move a village, but rather to shift a perspective. Mr. Kirchman noted that interpretive rigor is being demanded by contemporary audiences; and clarified that "We don't have to use dilapidated structures to tell that story." Mr. Kirchman spoke to the history of Camp Naumkeag, such as its use as a tuberculosis camp.

Landscape architect Mr. Valentine spoke on the planned development in terms of structures and showed a site aerial and spoke to the diversity of the peninsula. Beyond featuring woodland on the northwest edge of peninsula, the center of the new Camp Naumkeag site will be open with an arrangement of structures. The area to the north, which is 15 feet lower, will feature open fields, parkland and mature trees. These open spaces can provide narrative experiences for people attending the site. Site analysis was shown; primarily constraints; topography, especially; highest elevation is about 40 feet at top of flat ridge, to 18 feet in the open field area; over 20 feet of grade change across site; the entire site must be accessible; light green areas were flagged as relatively flat. One of the prime directives and goals was to move Pioneer Village intact to the main site and maintain their current arrangement at Forest River Park; lower open field area is the only spot that could accommodate the desired intact move of Pioneer Village. Orange

and yellow areas shown around the edge of image were coastal banks subject to storm surges. Site planning diagram was shown as to locations of locus of indigenous representation, event area, visitor center, Pioneer Village, and parking. A site landscape concept sketch was also shown, featuring additional areas such as Wildflower Meadow, Pavilion, Hillside Amphitheater, Maintenance Shed, Stormwater Garden, Blacksmith shop, animal enclosure, field, meadow, tidal marsh access, service access, trolley and bus drop-off, and so on. Aerial views of existing site were shown to showcase configuration of existing structures/buildings, as well as from lower part of the site. Planned arrangement of Pioneer Village was also shown. Chris Genter noted threats to existing Pioneer Village structures, e.g., hurricane storm surge, FEMA flood risk, potential risks at proposed Camp Naumkeag site, etc. Effects of hurricane storm surge was shown at Forest River Park site; as were 2018 storm photos, FEMA flood zones, coastal bank at proposed relocation. Photos of the 1930s camp structures were also shown as well as Camp Naumkeag existing buildings conditions.

Chair Spang asked after the group's anticipated schedule and the City's plan moving forward; noting that the demolition delay ordinance has recently been updated, revised, etc.; and is good for one year. Ms. Wood noted that the design is at a conceptual level; anticipates phase one to be onsite work to establish accessible paths and relocation of buildings, making the landing site/parking. Funding has been received, Ms. Wood noted, and anticipated 9-10 months on design and 5-6 months of construction. The process of demolition was said to be critical to move forward, Ms. Wood noted, i.e., the need to establish the acceptability of the demolition of the 1920s buildings.

Mr. Pattison lauded the contents of Mr. Kirchman's opening statement, specifically the interpretive narrative that would be associated with the reimagined Camp Naumkeag/Pioneer Village site. Elizabeth Solomon was present from the Massachusett tribe, and spoke to the collaborative nature of the project, as well as thinking through how the interpretation of Camp Naumkeag and Pioneer Village can help people acknowledge what has happened in Salem thousands of years prior to colonization, and then after colonization. Ms. Solomon also spoke to the importance of the integration of colonial and indigenous cultures; the process of looking at that integration is being collaborated upon and will be ongoing.

Mr. Martinez questioned as to whether playground/bathrooms next to playground would be demolished. Mr. Genter affirmed that that would be the case: the bathroom was part of playground built by rotary club. Ms. Wood noted that it does not meet current codes or overall goals. Mr. Martinez asked if it was over 50 years old; Ms. Wood believed the answer to be "no" but would need to double-check. Mr. Martinez noted that the best preservation is through use; and expressed the belief that these properties were not being utilized to the extent that they could be. They would be better served if they were swapped; Naumkeag buildings are not designed to be used; Pioneer Village ought to be moved. Mr. Martinez was supportive of the project, noting that the site location is much better suited for Pioneer Village. At the same time, Mr. Martinez noted that he was not in favor of demolition, but in favor of the proposal.

Chair Spang asked after the City's plan for the current site of Pioneer Village at Forest River post-relocation. Ms. Wood was open to ideas. Ms. Peterson noted that educators were interested in utilizing the space for outdoor classrooms, school events, theater opportunities for local community, and so on, ensuring that the site be available and open to community.

Public comment:

Christopher Patzke clarified that Pioneer Village buildings were being moved to Camp Naumkeag and that a new YMCA camp would be installed at the existing Pioneer Village site. Mr. Patzke expressed that

a cultural landscape should not be destroyed; and noted the importance of ADA accessibility. Pioneer Village has enjoyed moments when the site was packed with visitors and parking can be better accommodated. He also noted that Camp Naumkeag is a historic tuberculosis camp site; and that Pioneer Village is a colonial revival representation of 1930s perception of what 1630s Salem looked like. Mr. Patzke noted that a 1986 report by Debra Hilbert expressed that Pioneer Village was historically significant, as there are very few surviving sites from the tercentenary in Salem's history as well as open-air living museums in the country. Pioneer Village caught national attention for accuracy in the 1930s. Citing Hilbert's document, efforts could be made to get the site on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Patzke also said that Bob Page at the Olmsted Center and Charles Birnbaum at the Cultural Landscape Association felt that this site is worthy of national and historical attention. He asked why the Commission would not interpret the demolition request through national standards for assessing historic sites and cited several manners by which the demolition would violate clauses for rehabilitation treatment.

Allison Christiansen, former assistant site manager at Pioneer Village, expressed concern about the current management of the Pioneer Village site. Ms. Christiansen noted that the demolition delay ordinance is supposed to ensure time for historic preservation; and noted that both sites have historical and cultural significance. She expressed her wish to see George Francis Dow's legacy respected.

Steve Kapantais, 23 Wisteria, expressed wish for the Commission to take more time with the demolition proposal as well as to request structural report from a structural engineer. Mr. Kapantais noted that the application states that the Camp Naumkeag buildings are in poor condition and of no use; yet no structural report from a structural engineer exists. Mr. Kapantais also remarked on the demolition request being directed from the City to a City board; and noted that the demolition request should be continued.

Stacia Kraft, 140 Federal Street, stated that she grew up in upstate NY in Oneida, which may have a richer but perhaps coarser interpretation of indigenous history than Salem. Ms. Kraft said that the Camp Naumkeag site is a site of women's history; significant to the suffragette era in which women organized, fundraised, and were responsible for building the structure. Ms. Kraft stated that losing such history was unnecessary. Ms. Kraft questioned why the YMCA was not held to the agreement that their use of Camp Naumkeag included its maintenance; and suggested that the City did not hold YMCA accountable. Ms. Kraft expressed that the Commission's credibility would be injured by giving the City a waiver right after the demolition ordinance was expanded. Ms. Kraft also proposed making use of a baseball field between the Pickering House and Pioneer Village for an expanded Village site.

Mary Whitney, 356 Essex, a former board member of Historic Salem Inc. and co-chair of its preservation committee, noted that the City applying to waive its own updated ordinance; and derided demolition when facilitated by neglect of a site.

Lisa Ernst, address unknown, expressed great love for history in Salem, and noted that the dilapidated structures at Camp Naumkeag have been upsetting. Ms. Ernest stated that following the 1914 fire, Naumkeag was used to house refugees. Ms. Ernest cited a quote, "poor condition and lack of use will likely subject the property to vandalism," before deeming demolition to be the worst form of vandalism.

Emily Udy, 8 Buffum Street and Historic Salem Inc. representative, appreciated discussion of interpretive narrative. Ms. Udy also added to comments that Camp Naumkeag is a candidate for National Register of Historic Places. Expressed support to utilize demo delay time period to explore preservation options; and also questioned funding for the project.

Barbara Cleary, Federal Street and Historic Salem Inc., reiterated Historic Salem's point that the demo delay ordinance does not prevent demolition, but rather provides a consultation period of up to 18 months. Expressed importance for the Commission to begin the consultation period, noting that if a waiver were to be granted, the opportunity for consultation would be lost.

Jessica Herbert, Webb Street, noted that buy-in from the public would require more consideration of the interpretive elements of the new site. Ms. Herbert was of the mind that the structures should not be moved, citing Plimoth Plantation being nearer to a university as a reason why Pioneer Village buildings should not be moved. Ms. Herbert also wanted the design team to share more information with the public as to reasons why this project has come to this point of requesting demolition.

Erika Conklin, 11 Sivoway Rd, expressed disappointment that this item was last on the agenda. Ms. Conklin noted the irony in a City allowing its own property (i.e., Naumkeag) to fall into disrepair. Ms. Conklin was in favor of keeping Pioneer Village and Camp Naumkeag at their current locations.

Ms. Kelleher raised point of clarification regarding the demolition delay ordinance; the purpose of which is to uncover whether a resource is historically significant, and whether or not it is preferably preserved, i.e., in the interest of the community. If the Commission finds for both, then the delay period is enacted to begin a consultation period to explore options to preserve the resource.

Mr. Pattison spoke to the importance of the 18-month delay and expressed being unaware of the women's movement's importance in the history of the Camp Naumkeag site. Mr. Pattison was in favor of doing more research moving forward. Chair Spang spoke to the project team's thoughtful presentation as well as a number of public opinions and concerns about impact on existing Pioneer Village and its status as a historic resource; as well as Camp Naumkeag. Chair Spang echoed Mr. Pattison's point that the importance of these sites needs to be further vetted; and that next steps need to be defined.

Mr. Meche was of the mind that Camp Naumkeag should be preserved; and expressed disappointment in the new plan that made reference to the colonial revival period of Pioneer Village. Colonial Revival arose amidst the myth heritage of American people at a time when many immigrants were arriving. Ms. English spoke to significance of both sites. Chair Spang stated that it was helpful to hear about flooding of Forest River Park, noting the importance to consider impacts effects of climate change.

Mr. Martinez requested a structural report which was also requested of 6 Federal Court prior to demolition; as well as to wrap the bathroom building into the demolition delay waiver request since it is more than 50 years old. Ms. Wood said that a structural report was submitted in the first application; it was performed at the City's first consideration of the project in 2018.

VOTE: Mr. Meche made a motion to continue the application. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Meche, Pattison, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

Salem Deed

The City of Salem submitted an application to request determination of historic significance of a Salem deed.

Ms. Kelleher presented the request for determination of historic significance for the Salem deed to facilitate a request for CPA funds for document conservation, which is expected to cost approximately

\$17,000. Elizabeth Solomon, a member of the Massachusetts Tribe, expressed interest in viewing the deed to understand its nuances. Ms. Solomon expressed concerns over how the document would be interpreted moving forward, as well as the actual signatures on the deed. Chair Spang clarified Ms. Solomon's request, raising questions such as: what does it mean to designate it as a historic document; how would doing so change how this piece of parchment is both interpreted and valued going forward; and do the words on the deed mean the same to settlers as they did to the tribe. Ms. Solomon requested that the City work with the tribe in a collaborative manner moving forward on the interpretation, valuation, and restoration of this document.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez motioned to continue the application. Ms. English seconded the motion. Roll Call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

Other Business

Ms. Kelleher reported that the North Shore CDC dropped off panel sample for building in the Point, representing a minor change in color. Only one building had been approved but not the other(s). She asked the Commission members to stop by the office to view the sample.

Minutes

VOTE: Ms. English made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2021 and September 1, 2021. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll call: Martinez, Pattison, Meche, English, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

Adjournment

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn. Ms. English seconded the motion. All members were in favor and so the motion so carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Graham, Historical Commission Clerk