

Delay of Demolition Review Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 9, 2023
5:00 PM
Zoom/In Person Hybrid

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Delay of Demolition Review Commission

1. **Present:** Sarah Griswold, Christine Adams, Henrietta de Veer Updegraff, Dimitri Rimsky, Mark Mobley, Sarah Blank
2. **Call to Order, Seat the Commission** 5:04 PM
3. **Resignation:** Susan Payne has resigned from the commission.
4. **Minutes.** Motion to Approve minutes of February, 2023.: H. de VeerUpdegraff/. D. Rimski. Motion Carried.
5. **Reports: D. Rimsky**
 1. We are still struggling with website issues. With Peter Bowen, Rimsky and Griswold discussed process for notification and how to make it flow more smoothly. We realized there is a missing document on our page: the letter of intent. This will be added whenever we can, and meanwhile, the building department will have paper copies that can be filled out and forwarded to us. Once we have been noticed, we have 14 business days to respond. The building department won't issue a permit if it has not been preceded by the latter of intent to demolish. We put the applicant on notice if we want them to hold up on the demolishing. In that time we can research the significance of the building and discuss alternatives with the property owners. We can bring people in to examine the structure if needed. It's best if purchasers know about this before they buy property.
 2. D. Rimsky has hired a programmer he was worked with before to help us develop the database. H. de Veer Updegraf will get him two or three examples of properties and he will build the framework for the database which we can then populate with other properties. Dimitri will be meeting with the town IT people; date and time to be determined.
6. **39 Sabbaday Lane:** Discussion. Why was this building demolished? The permit was issued several years ago to gut the interior. That included removal of windows and the building was left to deteriorate. The permit was issued before the ordinance. There followed some discussion about the challenges of demolition by neglect. Barns are particularly susceptible to this. There doesn't seem to be a framework for dealing with this. There also needs to be something that requires building to commence once the demolition – if partial or internal – has been completed. Other communities have experienced tear downs with no subsequent development, or buildings that are destabilized by renovations that have not been completed. We can bring this up with the building inspector. We may need another ordinance.

7. **Budget:** Discussed need to put programmer on retainer. D. Rimsky will ask for an estimate for the budget. We will ask for \$5,000 plus the camera: Programmer Retainer (\$75 per hour); Camera, Incidentals.
8. **New Business:** No new business to discuss
9. **Motion to Adjourn.** D. Rimski/C. Adams. Carried 6:02 PM.

Minutes Submitted,
Sarah Griswold