

Ipswich Historical Commission Minutes
Special Meeting April 1, 2019
Demolition Delay Request 44 Mill Road

Members in attendance: John Fiske, Gordon Harris, Steve Miles, Ruth Strachan, Laura Gresh

Also in attendance pending Alternate Members: Tom and Tess Schutte

Kerry Mackin excused herself to attend Select Board Meeting

The owners want to demolish the two 1920 additions to the 1897 main house.
The purpose of the meeting is to determine if these two additions to the main house are historically significant.

The property was part of the Appleton family property and is known as the Thayer House.

Steve and John met with architect to visit the site.
The two gable extensions / additions date to 1920 and are poorly constructed with evidence of rot that compromises the main house. The colonial revival main house was built in 1897 with post and beam construction and 12" posts.

John thought the house was a good example of a 19th century house.

Both the main house and extensions do not have a foundation.
The owner wants to demolish the two additions then raise the main house and excavate to create a cellar. The hope is to restore the main house. Once the extensions are demolished the plan is to replace one side with a one-story front-to-back kitchen addition and the other side with a front-to back-porch addition.

Steve said these new additions would not affect the original structure and thought the additions would compliment the main house. John thought the plans proposed were positive changes to the property.

There is another house to the rear of the property where the owner plans to live.

The interior of the main house has original Chinese wallpaper and many original features.

Laura made a motion that the IHC approve the request to demolish the two 1920 additions to the main house. Ruth seconded the motion, All voted in favor.
The IHC commends the proposed plans for the property.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Gresh
Secretary

Minutes approved meeting April 16, 2019