

June 24, 2021

**TOWN of TRURO
Truro Historical Commission
Truro Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Location: Via GoTo Meeting Video

Date and Time: Thursday, June 24, 2021, 5:30 pm

Members Present: Matthew Kiefer, Chair
Chuck Steinman, Vice Chair
Jim Summers
Amy Rolnick

Members Not Present: Richard Larkin
Bart Mitchell
David Kirchner, Secretary

Attending: Barbara Carboni, Town Planner
Ivan & Kevin Becica – Homeowners, 38 Longnook Road
Gennifer Munoz – Becica's Architect
Chris & Janie Clark

Welcome: Chairman Kiefer opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.

Public Hearing and Vote: Proposed Demolition of 38 Longnook Road: Chairman Kiefer opened the public hearing and explained the purpose of the meeting and the applicable historic preservation bylaw. The Chair, after consulting with the Vice Chair, had previously determined that the existing house and garage at 38 Longnook Road would be subject to review according to the criteria of Truro's Preserving Historic Properties bylaw, given its age and ownership history, and proceeded with the hearing to determine whether the building would be preferably preserved and subject to a demolition delay of up to one year outlined in the bylaw.

Chairman Kiefer briefly reviewed the criteria for determination of significance, and turned the meeting over to the applicants, Ivan & Kevin Becica for them to make their presentation. Ivan Becica explained that the primary reason for wanting to demolish the house was that it had been neglected and had serious structural problems that would basically entail rebuilding the house and for their desire to build a larger dwelling so that they could use it as their year-round home. He provided photos to support these conditions. He also shared schematic plans and isometrics for the proposed new home although he stated that these plans are subject to revisions based on the Commission's feedback, program requirements and setback requirements.

Barbara Carboni explained the requirements for working with the Town's Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals if they are to demolish the home and rebuild.

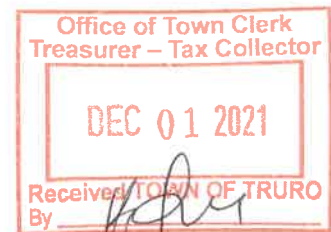
The structure is not architecturally notable but will be included in the Truro Historic Survey because of its age and past ownership. A review of this draft survey prepared by Eric Dray was discussed.

The four-member quorum voted unanimously not to impose a demolition delay for 38 Longnook Road, conditioned on the applicant returning to the THC for review of revised plans for their replacement house. The Public Hearing was concluded. Attached is the vote, as prepared by Barbara Carboni.

The Commission then discussed the ongoing survey update by Eric Dray of the Community-wide Survey of Historic Properties. Eric's Phase 1 report has been submitted and posted on our website. The Town has been invoiced for this work. A letter to homeowners of properties to be surveyed has been prepared per our agreement with the Town and is waiting for staff availability after Town Meeting to send out. We received an email from the daughter of Mid-Century Modern architect Jack Schmidt and with follow-up email correspondence have identified an additional Truro house designed by her father. This property has been added to our survey.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Chuck Steinman, seconded by Matt Kiefer and approved by all members.

Jim Summers, Commission member



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