

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON DEMOLITION DELAY BYLAW

March 31, 2014

Present: Dennis Sears, Chair; Michael King, Catherine Miller, Kathy Orlando, Gay Tucker, Jeffrey Waingrow

Absent: Patricia Elsbach

Also: Peter Cherneff, Priscilla Cote, Martin Mitsoff, David West

Dennis Sears convened the public hearing at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the hearing was to present the proposed demolition delay bylaw that is on the Warrant for the May 5, 2014 Town Meeting, receive questions and input from the public, and make any adjustments to the draft if appropriate.

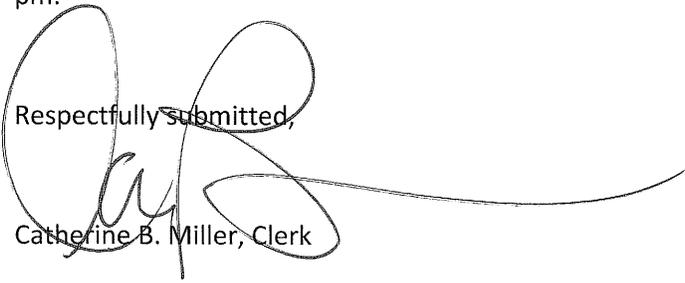
The Chair explained the process and the reasoning behind the Commission's work the past twelve months. He also provided large photos of the Boardman Street School (no longer in existence), the Noble House, the Sedgwick House, the Dewey House, the Grange and the Martin Blacksmith Shop property.

Dennis Sears explained that the existence of a demolition delay by law might have prevented the overnight disappearance of one of the original one room (Boardman Street) schoolhouses. It was also pointed out that the Martin Blacksmith Shop was saved from demolition by the actions of a former Historical Commission member and a current Historical Commission member.

There were a number of supportive comments and one or two questions from the audience.

On a motion duly made and seconded (Waingrow/Orlando) it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Catherine B. Miller, Clerk