

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE OGUNQUIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION on
03/25/2015

Meeting called to order at 11:10 am.

Members present are:

David Barton, Select Board Liaison

Helen Horn, Secretary

Sumner Nystedt

David Burgess

Marcia Williams

Newell Perkins, Chairman

Members absent are:

Leonard Wyman

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Newell Perkins:

A discussion of and reply to a hypothetical question posed by the Ogunquit Code Enforcement Office regarding the OHPC's reaction to the possibility of demolition of the building situated on land at the corner of Main Street and Shore Road at # 8 Shore Road, Ogunquit.

Discussion among the Commission Members brought forth Planning Implications from Community Character section of the last Comprehensive Plan of 2004 as well as the community desires for planning brought forth in the Summary of the public Visioning Session of April 20, 2002.

A quote from the planning implications is:

"The design review process coupled to the enlightened stewardship of historic properties by both the residential and business communities will be needed if the historic character of the community is to be preserved and more importantly, contribute to the contemporary resort character of town".

Ogunquit has in place a zoning article #11 which acknowledges that a building built prior to 12/31/1930 has acquired a form of Historic Significance as it relates to the formation of the town including Neighborhood Significance as well as the Towns Character. Number 8 Shore Road was built prior to 1917, as shown in the 1917 photo of the Cousens Dry Goods Store.

The strong guidelines that the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission Members must observe in the demolition and replacement of pre-1930's buildings are found in Title 11 The towns historic preservation ordinance. The clear mandate of this ordinance is to prevent the demolition or removal of historically significant buildings that when grouped together that have formed the essential character of the Town of Ogunquit.

A motion was put forth: To inform the Ogunquit Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Heyland that the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission members feel that the Ogunquit Comprehensive plan, Title 11 and Article 11 mandate the Commission Members to work diligently to prevent the demolition of pre-1930's buildings that have acquired Historic Significance and or Neighborhood Significance.

Motion made by David and seconded by Sumner. Vote 5-yes 0- no

Discussion of Article 11- Design Review.

It has been noted that Design Review of pre 1930's buildings is limited to the District's listed under the present definition of District in article 11. When it comes to demolition and or additions or substantial rebuilding of pre 1930 buildings that have acquired Historic Significance and or Neighborhood Significance buildings not all districts are included in the Planning Boards Design Review process, for this reason the following was put forth:

A motion was put forth to request the Ogunquit Planning Board to hold a hearing and put forth to a vote of the voters a change of the definition of District: to read:

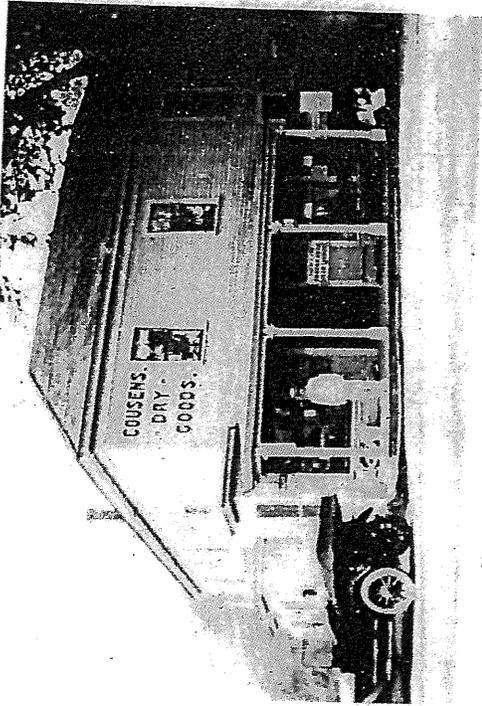
In this article," District "refers to all 16 Districts listed in this Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Sumner second by Marcia: Vote 5- yes 0- no

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30

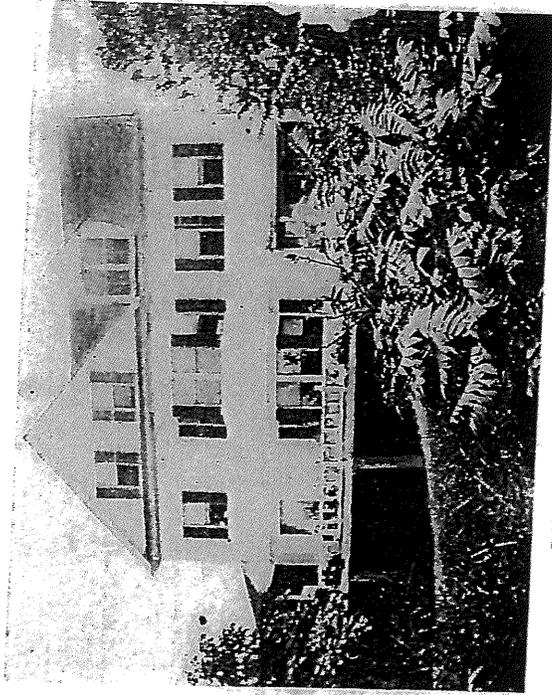
Respectfully submitted, Newell Perkins

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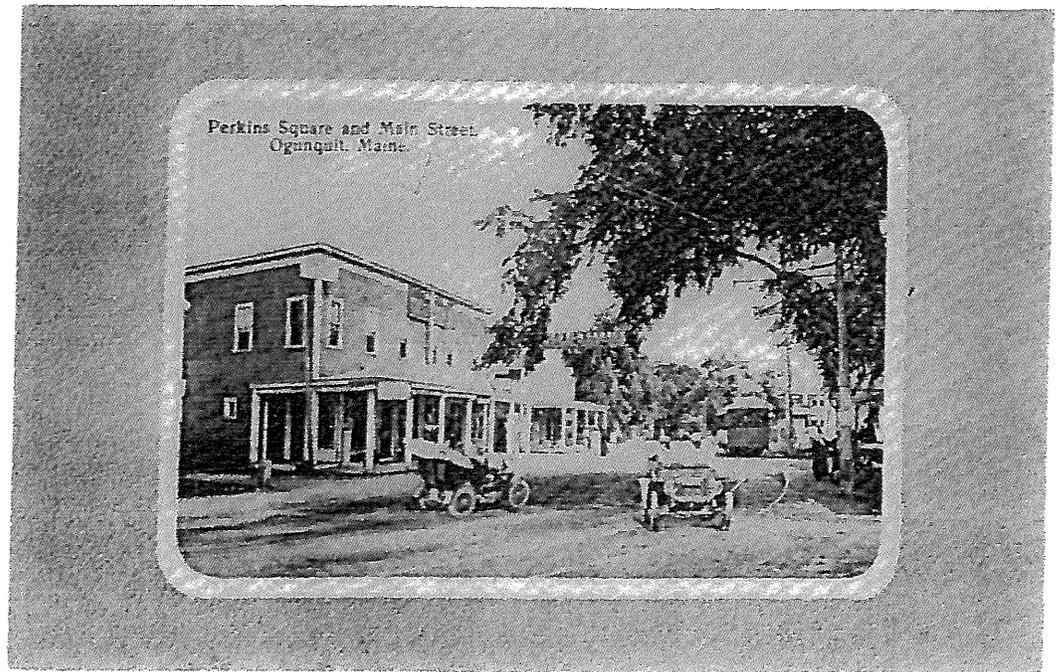


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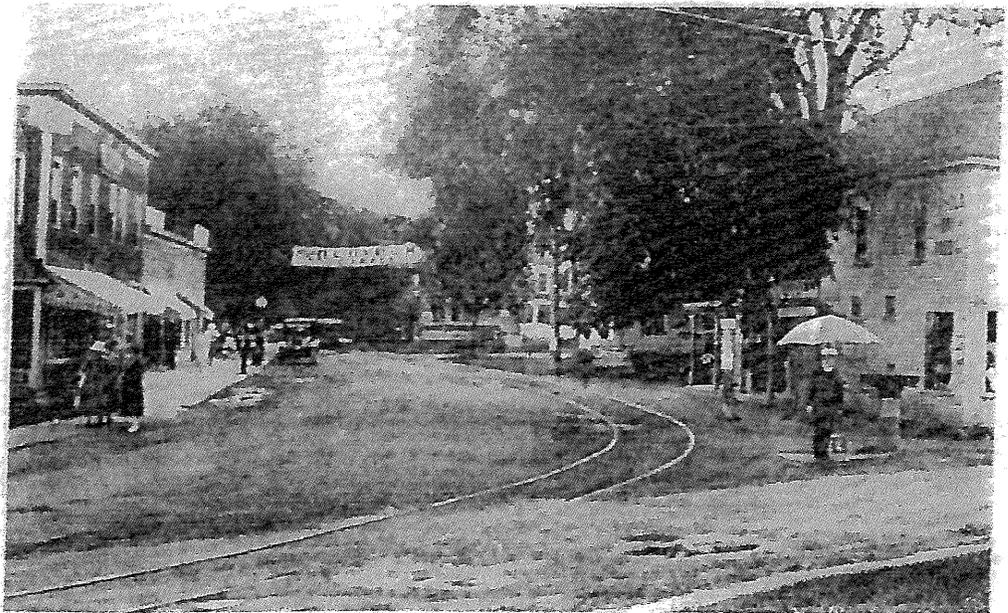
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9. This circa 1915 postcard looks down Shore Road from Route 1. On the left is the Old Elm Building (now the Front Porch Restaurant). The banner across the street reads "OLD ELM GARAGE—AUTO STORAGE. SUPPLIES & SUNDRIES. CARS CLEANED WHILE YOU WAIT." The Old Elm Garage serviced Hudsons, Essex, and Fords. It also served as the first Ogunquit Playhouse from 1932 to 1936. Since 1936, it has been the Ogunquit Square Theater.



The Square, Ogunquit, Me.

10. Postmarked 1921, this view is also of "The Square." On the right corner is Wilbur F. Cousens' Dry Goods Store. The policeman in the right foreground is stationed on the corner to direct traffic. Cousens Dry Goods became Bessie's Restaurant—a favorite meeting place through the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. Today, it is Einstein's Deli.