

Minutes of Meeting of The Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission on
06/24/2015

Meeting called to order at 11:05 am.

Members present are:

David Barton, Select Board Liaison

Helen Horn, Secretary

Marcia Williams

Sumner Nystedt

Newell Perkins, Chairman

Scott Heyland, Ogunquit Code enforcement Officer

Members not present:

David Burgess

Leonard Wyman

Meeting called to order by the Chairman Newell Perkins.

The agenda item for review is the change in use of buildings and exterior decks and patio areas from a Type 1 restaurant which disallows exterior dining to a newly allowed Shore Road Type 2 restaurant which when approved by the Ogunquit Planning Board will allow exterior service of food and drinks.

Discussion:

With this review being the first applicant for change from Type 1 restaurant to a Type 2 Shore Road restaurant under the just approved limited outdoor dining along Shore road ordinance, the commission members of the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission agree that it is of utmost most importance for the business owners along Shore Road to understand the importance of integrating Type 2 restaurants into the Historic fabric of Shore Road to be accomplished in such a subtle way as to allow the charm and ambiance of this most significant street to continue.

For without subtle buffering and limited screening of the outdoor diners, Shore Road could very well take on the appearance of a one mile long airport food court, which most assuredly would detract from the historic charm of Ogunquit. This would be a great loss for the business owners, residents and visitors.

The fact that the decks and patios are presently legally used for seating for patrons waiting to be seated inside the restaurant apparently doesn't preclude the need for the applicants for a change to Type 2 restaurant from the need to seek approval from the Ogunquit Planning Board and that those buildings built prior to December 31, 1930 or those changes to buildings affecting the architectural integrity of neighboring historic properties requiring review by the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission.

The Historic Significance of the property at 200 Shore Road is well documented in the fact that the building dates back to 1750.

The Neighborhood Significance of this property is of very high importance to this part of Shore Road and is a very important section of the historic fabric of all of Shore road.

The Commission members were in full agreement that as a matter of policy The Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission will in the future view all properties on Shore Road from the intersection of Main Street to the tip end of Perkins Cove and along Shore Road to the York line as having Neighborhood Significance and any changes could have a direct impact on all of the numerous historic properties situated on this road. Basis in fact is the Ogunquit Comprehensive Plan warning to the voter of Ogunquit to protect the architectural charm of Shore Road in order to retain quality of life and value of property in all of Ogunquit.

Recommendation to the Ogunquit Planning Board regarding the change in use for 200 Shore Road, Roberto's.

A motion made by Marcia Williams, to recommend that the width of the driveway be narrowed by using two arborvitae [5-6 feet] to the left and right of the entry of the pizza shop from Shore Road. It is further recommended that the pizza delivery vehicle not be parked in a designated dining area.

Motion seconded by Sumner Nystedt.

Voted 4-0

There being no further business to come before this Commission a motion to adjourn at 12:00 noon. 4-0

Chairman of the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission;
Newell S. Perkins


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