

Minutes of the meeting of the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission on:
August 09, 2017.

Members present were:

Helen Horn

Marcia Williams

Newell Perkins

Sumner Nystedt

Leonard Wyman

Also present was Kathy Connor of the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00

This meeting was specifically scheduled to discuss the role that the OHPC has played and should play in the future of Ogunquit as it will be mapped out by the revised Comprehensive Plan for Ogunquit for the next 10 years as well as for the next 20 years in the future. Central to this discussion is Title 11, the Ogunquit Historic preservation Ordinance and Article 11 of the Ogunquit Zoning ordinance.

This was an open dialog between Kathy Conner and the Commissioners.

Items discussed:

- #1. Failure of the Ogunquit Select Board to financially support the needs of the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission in such areas as clerical help, legal advice from an attorney qualified in matters of the workings of historic preservation law.
- #2. The desirability of setting aside clusters of like iconic buildings to be reviewed by the planning board and the OHPC as having a set of zoning requirements and design review requirements different from other zones in the town.
- #3. The date of December 31, 1930 was revisited by the commission members and by Kathy Conner to explore why that date was chosen as the point at which Historic, Architectural, and Neighborhood Significance of buildings in Ogunquit

would not acquire historic significance as called for in Article 11 and Title 11. In this same train of thought the fact that the requirements of Article 11 require the Planning Board to view all new additions, changes or construction of buildings to be reviewed shall, as quoted in the general purpose of Design Review Article 11 ,
“The purpose of this Article, [11], is to promote educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the town of Ogunquit, to provide for the protection and preservation of buildings, structures and places of historic, architectural, cultural or neighborhood significance or value as defined below, all of which confer “historical significance,’ and to promote design which is compatible with the present character of Ogunquit and consistent with the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Ordinance.”

The question that this statement brings into question is at what distance from a newly proposed structure will an existing structure which has achieved Historic Significance, Architectural significance or Neighborhood Significance through its pre 12/31/1930 status could be that building be considered to be adversely effected directly from the design of a proposed structural change or new build?

This is a question that the Planning Board has wrestled with as has the Code Officer and this needs to have a definition for all parties concerned.

A motion was put forth by Marcia Williams and seconded by Newell Perkins to nominate Sumner Nystedt as the interim Chairman of the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no votes. Sumner Nystedt is the interim Chairman of the OHPC

Sumner has agreed to accept the Chairmanship until new members have been appointed by the Select Board to fill the openings on the Commission.

For the OHPC:

Newell Perkins, former chairman.

