

1 **OGUNQUIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
2 **MEETING MINUTES**
3 **FEBRUARY 26th, 2020**
4 **12:00 PM**
5 **THE DUNAWAY CENTER**
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8 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**
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10 Helen Horn
11 Marcia Williams
12 Kerry Ellen Enright
13 Elaine Cooper - 1st Alternate
14 Sumner Nystedt - Chairman
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16 **ACCEPTANCE OF 2/12/20 MEETING MINUTES:**
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18 A motion was made by Helen Horn to accept the 2/12 Meeting Minutes as
19 presented. The motion was seconded by Marcia Williams. Unanimously agreed.
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21 **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
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23 **NEW BUSINESS:** None
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25 **OLD BUSINESS:**
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27 At the February 12th OHPC Meeting, Sumner Nystedt made note of several
28 suggestions, made by the Code Enforcement Office, as to whether the OHPC
29 would have any objections to the demolition of the Old Village School (OVS), if
30 it was deemed necessary for repurposing. Over a two week period, previously
31 published reports on the building's structural integrity were disseminated to
32 Commission Members (Reports are attached to The Minutes). A tour was
33 arranged by Town Manager, Pat Finnegan, and directed by Darren Dixon. Also
34 in attendance was Dave Riccio, a consultant for The Town.

35 After a lengthy inspection, the OHPC Members opinions are as follows:

36 MARSHA NORTHROP: In reality, it really has to come down, but with a
37 replication of the exterior. Efforts should be made to salvage the hardwood
38 floors, and chalkboards, possibly incorporating them into the new interior
39 design.
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41 ELAINE COOPER: It's deteriorated into a "sick building" with many possible
42 health concerns. Although it would be possible to repurpose some of the
43 architectural elements, it would be best to simply restore the facade.
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1 HELEN HORN: Although several previous committees have explored how the
2 structure could be rebuilt to best meet the needs of The Town, it's deteriorated
3 to the point where it's best to demolish the building, while maintaining the look
4 of the exterior.

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6 MARCIA WILLIAMS: Because of structural issues, it's best to tear the building
7 down, and rebuilding a replica of the exterior.

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9 KERRY ELLEN ENRIGHT: I believe that demolition is the best option, but
10 maintaining the facade.

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12 SUMNER NYSTEDT: While I was hopeful that the OVS could be salvaged, after
13 the tour, there's a possibility that it might be impractical. Demolition and
14 reconstruction is an alternative for creating the new Town Offices, or whatever
15 is decided by the voters. That said, the building has been designated by the
16 OHPC as a Significant Structure, with every attempt made to salvage, or
17 replicate the exterior.

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19 **A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUMNER NYSTEDT, STATING THAT THE OHPC**
20 **IS NOT AGAINST THE POSSIBLE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD VILLAGE**
21 **SCHOOL, AS LONG AS EFFORTS ARE MADE TO PRESERVE, OR**
22 **REPLICATE THE EXTERIOR, IN PARTICULAR, THE FRONT FACADE.**
23 **WHEREVER FEASIBLE, ATTEMPTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SALVAGE**
24 **FLOORING, WINDOWS, CHALKBOARDS AND DOORS FOR USE AS**
25 **INTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS.**

26 **THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARSHA NORTHROP.**

27 **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

28 *It is important to note that the OHPC recognizes the historic and architectural
29 importance of the OVS. Regardless of The Town's ultimate determination, we
30 recommend either the preservation, or replication of the building's iconic
31 exterior. Precedence has been set by the Island House and Abacus, two pre-
32 1930's structures of High Significance, which were either altered, or
33 demolished, with an agreement the structures would be replicated.

34 •Elaine Cooper has researched thirty-nine (39) recently discovered pre-1930's
35 listings to the West of Route 1. The OHPC will begin reviewing these at our next
36 meeting.

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38 •At our next meeting, Elaine will also discuss suggestions for how to document
39 the Historic Homes.

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41 •Elaine Cooper has been investigating the Maxwell Family, documenting their
42 importance to our Town.

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1 •Elaine led a continuing discussion about the proposed OHPC Ogunquit 40th
2 Anniversary Calendar. There was a suggestion to print commemorative note
3 cards. Marsha Northrop will bring samples of the OMMA Note Cards as
4 examples to our next meeting.

5 The OHPC will need to file a budget request if it's decided to move forward with
6 these projects.

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8 **OTHER:** None

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10 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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12 **At 1:45, a motion was made by Sumner Nystedt to adjourn. Seconded by**
13 **Helen Horn. Unanimously agreed.**

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