

Subject to Approval

Minutes:

**Old Elm Street Study Committee
Regular Meeting, January 23, 2023
7:30 p.m. at Madison Town Campus
Meeting Room B – in person**

MEMBERS Present: Thomas Boyle, Chair, Eric Berg, Eric Axberg, Susan Cartledge

MEMBERS absent: John Lind,

ALTERNATES present: Carol Snow, Denny Van Liew, Peter Clement

OTHERS PRESENT: Jayshree Pugh

Call to Order

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

Funding for Study Report

Chairman Boyle stated that the signed contract from SHPO has finally been forwarded to the Town Planner, Erin Mannix, so funding is in place for the study report.

There are three qualified consultants who have bid on the creation of the study report: James Sexton, Rachel Carley and Jordan Sorenson. Details of their bids are available on previous minutes of the committee. A vote was held to choose a consultant to create the study report and the bid from James Sexton was awarded unanimously. Not only was Mr. Sexton the low bidder for this project, it was also thought that he had more experience with the town of Madison, having created the study reports for both the Madison Green Historic District and the Liberty Street Historic District in town.

The final step to begin work on the study report is the approval of James Sexton by SHPO which is expected shortly. Chairman Boyle indicated that he would be following up with Mary Dunne at SHPO so that the approval of James Sexton can be made as soon as possible.

Updated Owners List, Status

Chairman Boyle indicated that updates have been made to the owner's list with current email addresses and assumed preferences regarding inclusion in the proposed district resulting from recent personal visits over the summer and the public meeting on 08/22/2022. Updated list will be emailed to members. Eric Axberg has agreed to update the exploratory map to include any status changes. The list and status map will not be made public to protect the privacy of property owners in the proposed district.

Next Steps

A letter to all property owners will be sent in the next few weeks. The letter will thank all who came to our meeting in August and update all on the meeting and the above funding for the study report. It will also link to the article in the Source article that appeared soon after the public meeting. It was decided to hold off on scheduling the next public meeting as the final report gets underway. Members were encouraged to continue reaching out to property owners in the proposed district.

Barberry Farm & Winter Club

Both of these properties are within the proposed boundaries of the historic district. The owners of Barberry Farm (353 Boston Post Rd) have sold a portion of their land at the rear which borders Fort Path Road and Stony Lane to a developer who is proposing a single family housing development on that portion. Now that this sale has taken place, we will approach the owners of Barberry Farm directly to encourage them to look favorably on inclusion in the proposed district. Note the exploratory map should be revised to reflect the correct boundaries of 353 Boston Post Rd

The Winter Club (251 Boston Post Rd) is currently under contract to an individual who wishes to change its use to a restaurant which requires town approval. The committee will wait until the sale has been consummated prior to approaching the new owner regarding their feelings on inclusion in the proposed district.

Current Meeting Minutes

No minutes available to review

Other Items

No other items were discussed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm by unanimous vote.