

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
Special Emergency Meeting March 6, 2019
Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room
415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Rick Calvin, Patricia Jerrells, Ed Huber, Chrissy Williams, Lorilyn Rogers

Members Absent: Steve Rose, Stephanie Neil

Guests: Charlie and Susan Doolittle

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to order

Roll Call- Mr. Calvin called the emergency meeting to order at 4:00p.m. to discuss the issuance of a waiver of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) as called for in section 17.40.150.C.3 of the Mason County Historic Preservation Ordinance in order to allow the Mason County Building Department to issue a demolition permit for the Libby Wilard Barn which is listed on the Mason County Historic Register.

II. New Business

COA Waiver for Historic Libby Wilard Barn – Mr. Calvin asked if there were any questions or concerns. Ms. Jerrells asked Mr. and Ms. Doolittle if they were going to be able to save anything. Mr. Doolittle said that they plan to salvage as much of the wood as possible.

Mr. MacSems asked how long similar wood structures tend to last with similar conditions. Mr. Huber explained that it would depend on moisture levels, but with ideal conditions they could last a long time. In this case, Mr. Huber stated that the structure is past the point of return. Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle stated that the dirt floor of the structure allowed for excess moisture to seep into the wood since it was constructed in 1914.

Mr. Calvin expressed his appreciation for their documentation of the barn. Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle said that the Historical Society Museum also has many pictures of the barn in their collection.

Mr. MacSems wondered if it was on the State Register. Mr. Huber said it shows up on WIZAARD Maps as an historical building but that doesn't mean it's actually on the State Register.

Mr. Huber then made a motion to approve the COA Waiver to allow the demolition of the Libby Wilard Barn. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Calvin was prepared with the COA Waiver to be signed and read through it for approval from the other HPC members. Everyone was in agreement that it was satisfactory. Mr. Calvin signed COA2019-01.

Mr. MacSems stated the HPC will need to discuss the process of removing the Libby Wilard Barn from the Mason County Historical Register, consistent with section 17.40.150.C.3 and would put it on the agenda for the March 14 meeting.

Ms. Jerrells asked Mr. Calvin if there was anything else that Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle needed to do before they could take down the barn. Mr. MacSems said they would need to complete the Demolition Permit through the Building Department and Mr. Huber said a letter would need to be sent to DAHP to inform them of the demolition (but this does not need to happen before the barn is demolished).

III. Adjournment

At 4:12 p.m. Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, meeting adjourned.