

**Lincoln Historical Commission**  
**Historic District Commission**  
**Brown's Wood Historic District Commission**  
**Virtual Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

**Board Members:** Andrew Glass, Chair, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Doug Adams, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Robert Domnitz, HDC/BWHDC; Lynn Delisi, HDC/BWHDC; Andy Ory, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Gary Anderson, HDC/LHC/BWHDC  
**Alternates:** Frank Clark, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Judith Lawler, Alternate, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Allen Vander Meulen, HDC/LHC/BWHDC  
(Member Unavailable: Christopher Boit, HDC/LHC/BWHDC)

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The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

**Historic District Commission:**

Certificate of Appropriateness:

15 Sandy Pond Road:

Andy Ory and Linda Hammett-Ory came before the Historic District Commission (HDC) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove an existing elevated detached structure and replace it with a new elevated detached structure. Abutter Tom Murdough, who is the architect of the proposed structure, showed photographs of the existing tree house, which is situated more than 320 feet from Sandy Pond Road and not highly visible from the street. The proposed structure will be located on the approximate site of the existing structure and will have unfinished horizontal cedar siding and a charcoal standing-seam metal roof so that it blends in with the landscape and surroundings in the same way that the existing structure does. The Conservation Commission have approved the location of the proposed structure. Abutter John LeGates of 14 Canaan Drive stated that he is supportive of the proposal. Frank Clark made a motion to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the existing detached structure and to replace it with the new elevated detached structure as shown in the plans presented to the HDC and as discussed at the HDC meeting. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Lynn Delisi-aye; Bob Domnitz-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Andrew Glass-aye. Andy Ory recused himself from the vote.

**Lincoln Historical Commission:**

Demolition Requests:

115 Winter Street:

Bruce Fairless came before the Lincoln Historical Commission (LHC) to request the demolition of an detached two-car garage. Andrew Glass explained the process that the LHC follows in reviewing an application under the demolition delay by-law. Mr. Fairless noted that the existing garage is in disrepair and that he will retain elements of the original design in the new garage. Mr. Glass noted that the Massachusetts Historical Commission inventory report for the property discusses the history of the house but does not mention the garage. Andy Ory made a motion that the existing garage is not significant under the by-law and can be demolished. Frank Clark seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Andy Ory-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

### 56 Conant Road:

Architect Jonathan Merz, representing the owner, came before the LHC to request demolition of a pole barn. Andrew Glass explained the process that the LHC follows in reviewing an application under the demolition delay by-law. Mr. Merz noted that the barn is of relatively recent vintage and has no foundation. Mr. Merz noted that it would be cost prohibitive to raise the barn and build a foundation for it. The owner will construct a new barn on the same site with approximately the same design and dimensions as the existing barn, adding a dormer for more headroom and light for an upstairs art studio. Doug Adams made a motion that the barn is not significant under the by-law and can be demolished, with the condition that the new barn is located on the same footprint as the existing barn. Judith Lawler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Andy Ory-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

### 264 Lincoln Road:

Michael and Linda Karman came before the LHC to request the demolition of the existing house and detached garage. The Karmans stated that they intend to demolish the house and build a new house on the same footprint with a modest addition at the back of the house. They noted that they are concerned with the high level of mold found in the house. Andrew Glass explained the process that the LHC follows in reviewing an application under the demolition delay by-law. Mr. Glass noted that the Massachusetts Historical Commission inventory report for the property discusses the history of the house. According to the report, the house was built in around 1929 or 1930. In the early twentieth century, the area was predominately used for agricultural purposes, including a dairy farm. The dairy farm subdivided the land into residential building lots which were developed with housing for immigrant families and commuters. The house is believed to be the first house constructed as part of the subdivision.

Frank Clark made a motion that the house is not significant under the by-law. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. In discussion of the motion, Doug Adams stated that he believes that the house has significance under the by-law. Roll Call Vote: Allen Vander Meulen-nay; Doug Adams-nay; Judith Lawler-nay, Gary Anderson-nay; Andy Ory-nay; Frank Clark-aye; Andrew Glass-nay. The motion was not approved. Doug Adams made a motion that the house is historically, culturally, and architecturally significant based on information included in the Massachusetts Historical Commission inventory report for the property. Gary Anderson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Frank Clark-abstained; Judith Lawler-aye; Andy Ory-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

### Minutes:

Andy Ory made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021 meeting as written. Frank Clark seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Andy Ory-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

At 9:15 p.m., Judith Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. Allen Vander Meulen-aye; Doug Adams-aye; Frank Clark-aye; Judith Lawler-aye; Andy Ory-aye; Gary Anderson-aye; Andrew Glass-aye.

*Submitted by Elaine Carroll*