

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Historic Review Committee

Via GoToMeeting December 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

In attendance: E. Disbrow, L. Hogarty, J. Hutchins      Absent: B. Dodson, D. Meixell, D. Rich, C. Judge  
Applicant: S. Sack, 270 Green Hill Road

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. Application for Demolition: 270 Green Hill Road

NOTE: An application for demolition of a house at 270 Green Hill Road was processed by this committee in 2021, and the structure was determined to be “Preferably Preserved”. The house was not demolished within the time frame of the initial demolition application, so the applicant has reapplied for a demolition permit. On December 15, 2022, the committee received an updated application for demolition, forwarded by the Building Official.

Town Historian Tom Lentz presented extensive historical background on the house.

The applicant, Suzanne Sack, explained that while they were open to keeping the house on the property as permitted by the new Accessory Historic Building zoning regulation, the reasons for demolition including the following

- Traffic on Green Hill
- House needs significant investment, new mechanicals
- No interest in designating any of the permissible uses
- Tax liability
- Regulation would require permanent easement, restrictions on renovations

**Disbrow moved to declare the house at 270 Green Hill Road a significant structure. The motion was seconded by Hogarty.**

Discussion: Disbrow listed the criteria used for the 2021 application. Specifically, the committee designated the house a “significant building,” having met the following criteria from Chapter 238-3, Killingworth’s Code of Laws, the Ordinance to Encourage the Preservation of Architecturally and Historically Significant Buildings by Delay of Demolition.

*C. The building or structure has documented associations with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social history of the town, the state, or the nation. [ref: Griswold Genealogy, Title Search, Town Historian Analysis]*

*D. The building or structure has documented historical or architectural importance in terms of period, style, method of construction, specific use, or association with a recognized builder or architect, either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings. [Ref: Analysis, Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) page 86, item 14., State of CT Historic Resources Inventory form].*

*E. The building or structure is listed as an historically significant building or site in the Killingworth Plan of Conservation and Development. [KW POCD, page 86].*

There was brief discussion about how numerous improvements and additions affect the historic status of a house. It was noted that the design and construction of the new house honors the historic nature of the property.

**The motion carried [3-0-0]. Voting in favor: Disbrow, Hogarty, Hutchins**

A public hearing to solicit public opinion is scheduled for Friday, January 13 at 11 am.

3. Approval of Minutes: This item was tabled
4. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 1/3/2023