

Oak Bluffs Historical Commission  
Minutes of October 16, 2019

Present- Pam Melrose, chair, Barbara Baskin, Susan Thompson, Jim Dearing, Renee Balter, Joyce Dresser

Business:

The minutes of August 21, 2019 were approved.

Pam, Barbara and Susan reported they attended the Planning Board's meeting to hear the discussion of 3 Uncas Ave. The Sawyers continue their request to demolish the building. OBHC members cited the historical significance of the building.

At the recent CPC meeting the request to repair the organ at Union Chapel brought dissention by some CPC members who viewed the building as a church. The OBHC spent several minutes discussing this viewpoint. Pam will write a letter to the CPC citing its historical history as having been build by the Land & Wharf Company, of being used for various public events such as concerts and Built on Stilts and the fact that it is owned by the Preservation Trust.

At a previous meeting Pam presented an embroidery piece that was sent to her. It referenced an address on Circuit Ave that we could not identify. Barbara's research revealed that the embroidery originated from the current Tivoli Inn. Street numbers have changed and it is assumed the inn was previously a boarding house.

Pam will remind Allyson of our file cabinet request.

Sengall & Lynn Selassi have requested to demolish 19 Harrison Ave. Extensive discussion cited the rafter tails, roof lines and windows. The OBHC decided it is leaning toward it being significant but want more information. Renee will contact the builder to request his presence at our next meeting.\* A motion was made that the building is not significant and may be demolished. It passed with an unanimous vote.

Our next meeting will be November 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce C. Dresser

\* The OBHC will inquire of the owners if they will consider duplicating the roof line, the extra deep overhang, and the unusual notched rafter tails on the new garage/apartment.