

Oak Bluffs Historical Commission
Minutes of January 15, 2019

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

Guest- Bob Sawyer

Business:

- The minutes of December 18, 2018 were approved with one abstention
- Bob Sawyer is requesting a demolition permit for 3 Uncas Ave. Aside from #3 Uncas, which is zoned for residence, the rest of the neighborhood is zoned for business. He's had the building inspected for asbestos, discovered there was a lot and removed the exterior siding as well as interior tile. His plan is to build 8 small 'work force' housing units; there would be 4 downstairs and 4 on the second floor. These would be studio apartments with Murphy beds and complete kitchens. There would also be a drive-thru bank. Access would be from Hiawatha Ave. MACRIS notes that the house is significant. The OBHC unanimously voted that the building is significant in terms of architectural and social history of the town. Bob was advised that he would need to meet with both the Cottage City Historic Commission and the Copeland Plan Review Board. The OBHC will hold a hearing February 13, 2019. Pam will inform Bob of the date and allow a postponement if needed on his behalf.
- Barbara noted that the information on MACRIS for the Old Gift Shop now owned by ^{Joseph} George Moujabbar is incorrect. The history of the building is for another older building in town.
- Pam suggests we have a joint meeting with the CCHC and Copeland Board to discuss each of our purviews.
- We will return to discussion of a program for the public in an upcoming meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.
- Respectfully submitted,
- Joyce C. Dresser

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