

Oak Bluffs Historic Commission
Minutes of February 20, 2019

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

Guests- Bob Sawyer, Maurice 'Moe' O'Connor, Michael Sawyer, Amy Billings, Matt Viaggio

Business:

At the OBHC January meeting the commission discussed the Sawyer's demolition application for the building at 3 Uncas Ave. The Commission voted unanimously that the building is significant in terms of architectural and social history of the town. This meeting was the hearing for the demolition request. Moe O'Connor presented the plans for their proposed new building which would include 8 small apartments and a drive-thru bank. According to the owners the building is borderline falling over, the foundation is in bad shaped, there are structural issues, nothing is plumb and windows are broken. Because of the 2" x 3" studs it would be hard to insulate. Commission members urged them to retain and preserve any architectural elements they could. A suggestion was made to move the building to which Bob Sawyer replied he would donate it. Commission concerns also included: the bank design may not fit within the CCHD, a 2nd car at the bank would stick out into the street and the need for re-zoning. A motion was made that the building be preferably preserved and voted unanimously.

Pam forwarded a letter to us regarding a barn at the corner of Temahigan and Eastville Aves. Barbara will send suggestions to the owner.

There are two probable demolition applications coming up.

The minutes of January 15, 2019 were approved with the exception of changing the spelling of the name of George Moujabba to Joseph Moujabber.

Our next meeting will be March 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce C. Dresser