OBHC decision on 7 Arlington Ave

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Re: 7 Arlington Ave

At the request of the MVC the Oak Bluffs Historical Commission reviewed the Demolition Request for 7 Arlington Avenue. Generally we review Demolition Requests that come to us through the Oak Bluffs Building Official. This home was referred to the MVC by the OB Zoning Board of Appeals. The structure is over 100 years old and would eventually need a Demolition Permit from Oak Bluffs and also be reviewed by OBHC. It seemed appropriate to all parties to streamline the process.

Here is the draft of our decision from that meeting on May 18 where we designated the house as Significant. It is historically significant to Oak Bluffs history and architectural style and is on MACRIS. A site visit was made May 23 and a Hearing is scheduled for June 8 at 3:00PM at the OBPL. We were able to see the present plans and discussed what elements of the original would be retained or replicated if demolition was permitted. The hope is to have the Home Owners and Architect to incorporate the original historic and authentic details into the remodel/ reconstruction. The Hearing also allows abettors and others to hear and weigh in. Whether OBHC determines it Preferably Preserved or not, it will be up to MVC make the final determination, OBHC can only delay a demolition for 6 months. OBHC will send MVC & OB Building Official our decision, recommendations, research, and comments after the Hearing. I Please feel free to attend.

- Oak Bluffs Historical Commission
- Draft Minutes of May 18, 2022
- Present: Susan Thompson, Pam Melrose, chair, Kathy Laskowski, Barbara Baskin, Jim Dearing, Renee Balter, Joyce Dresser (tardy)
- Guest- Chuck Sullivan

- Business- The primary focus of this meeting was 7 Arlington Ave. The owners wish to make significant additions which detract from the original design. The MVC requested that Chuck come to us first.

- The original building was the Palmer Villa, a seasonal guest house, which stood near Beecher Park. In the early 1900s it was divided and both sections were moved to Arlington Ave. Features of the house include a side covered balcony with turned posts, two sets of French doors, a cross gable, a gable with jerkinhead and rafter tails. The building is architecturally significant because with the original other half was of the Campground Cottage Construction.

- A motion was made to deem the building significant and was carried. Therefore a hearing will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 3pm in the downstairs meeting room of the library. On Monday, May 23rd commission members will meet at 7 Arlington Ave to view the structure.

- Commission members will be up for reappointments in June. Pam will ask the select board to consider making our terms 3 years instead of one. The next business meeting of the OBHC will be Wednesday, June 15 at 3pm in the upstairs meeting room of the library. Immediately following that meeting there will be a party for Pam at the old Oak Bluffs library. The meeting was adjourned.

- Respectfully submitted,
  Susan Thompson
  Joyce Dresser
Sincerely,

Pam Melrose, Chairman OBHC

Sent from my iPad