HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTY COMMISSION

Allison Sanders, Chair Lisa Pojano, Vice-Chair Gilbert Weatherly, Clerk Lori Fusco

> *Alternates* Pam Brown Peter Gaboriault



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Historic District Commission Special Meeting Minutes Friday, September 25, 2020 Electronic Meeting: 11:00 am

I. Call to order: 11:07

a. Attendance: Commissioners Pojano, Fusco, Bendremer, Sandersb. Minutes: Voting on minutes of previous meeting waived to next meeting

II. Demolition Permit Request: 2 Lennon Lane

According to the building department, the owners discovered substantial termite damage during the building process. The building department also stated that "95%" of the structure has been removed". However, the owners did not apply for a demolition permit until after the fact.

After discussion, Chair made a motion to approve that 2 Lennon Lane demolition be allowed to proceed. No further discussion. Vote: In favor: Bendremer, Fusco, Sanders.

Against: Pojano The motion passed.

The lack of a demolition permit was brought up by Commissioner Pojano, who suggested that it was a troubling precedent, and made the following motion:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statue Section 29-414 and the Wilton Demolition Ordinance, I motion to send a request to Town Counsel and the Building Inspector, who, per 29-404 of State code, is responsible for administration of the Demolition Ordinance, to levy penalties for failure to comply with the fore-mentioned ordinance and provisions of Connecticut General Statutes sections 29-401 through 29-415, which may result in a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment of not more than a year or both. After discussion and comments from all commissioners, Commissioner Pojano made this motion, which expanded on the original motion:

The Historic District Commission is extremely concerned that the owners of 2 Lennon Lane did not obtain a demolition permit in a timely fashion. This prevented the Historic District Commission from properly evaluating the property prior to demolition. We do not condone property owners demolishing structures within our purview without proper permitting and urge you to impose a penalty.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statue Section 29-414 and the Wilton Demolition Ordinance, the HDC requests that Town Counsel and the Building Inspector, who, per 29-404 of State code, is responsible for administration of the Demolition Ordinance, levy penalties for failure to comply with the fore-mentioned ordinance and provisions of Connecticut General Statutes sections 29-401 through 29-415, which may result in a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment of not more than a year or both.

No further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Chair will send this statement to the Building Department and Town Counsel.

III. Public Comment: none

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Allison Sanders