

**Bolton Historical Commission
Minutes of Special Meeting
March 9, 2022**

Attendees:

Co-Chairmen: Martha Remington, Robert Busch

Members Present: Jeannemarie Padovano, Alice Coggeshall, Nate Smith, Bob Tattersall

Guests: Mary Ciummo, Pat Bensettler,

Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. **Two demo permits** have been received for 1) the cottage at Persons Park and 2) the garage at Persons Park.
2. **Demo permit #22-1; Persons Cottage** - A. Coggeshal had the date built confirmed as 1919, making the structure older than 75 years. R. Tattersall questioned whether permits needed to be signed. It was determined that they need only to be filed to be considered active. The uniqueness and historicity of the property was discussed. It was noted to have had an outhouse in the garage, which was installed soon after the Persons' bought the site. BHC members agreed that, for many reasons, this property is unique to Bolton and seems to tick all the boxes regarding the bylaws of what is deemed historically significant.
3. **Persons Cottage**, demo permit #22-1, was voted historically significant by BHC members.
4. **Demo permit # 22-2; the garage at Persons Park** - M. Remington noted that the trough in the middle of the garage was for changing the oil of Mr. Persons' porsche. Deeming the garage not historically significant does not jeopardize the future plans for the site. B.Busch recommended that the garage does not have any historical significance. M. Remington believes that Mr. Persons built the garage out of need, but agreed that we don't want to sacrifice the site preservation plans, and that "usefulness" is not a criteria for being historically significant.
5. **The garage**, demo permit #22-2 was voted not historically significant by BHC members
6. **Next steps** include setting up a hearing within 30 days to determine if the property is preferably preserved. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th. It was suggested that we hold the hearing after our scheduled monthly meeting on the 6th.
7. **Notices** - M. Remington will post notices (P&R should pay for the newspaper notices) in the Independent. B.Busch will write up the notice to go in the paper.
8. **Other details** - At the time of demolition, plans are to take out the septic and regrade that area. M. Remington wants to know what will happen to the fireplace. It is however not certain what the final outcome will be.
9. **Next meeting April 6th** for our regular meeting and hearing.
10. **Meeting adjourned 6:37pm**

Respectfully submitted, Jeannemarie Padovano