

City of South Portland
Arts & Historic Preservation Committee
August 12th, 2020
Planning and Development Department

Members in attendance:

Hannah Holmes, Chairperson
Doreen Gay, Vice Chairperson
Jessica Kessler, Secretary
Alessa Wylie, Greater Portland Landmarks
Kathy DiPhilippo, South Portland Historical Society
Jim Flahaven
Mark Wiesendanger

Staff in attendance:

Justin Barker, Community Planner

Guests in attendance:

Alex Irvine
Lindsey Irvine
Cynthia Wheelock
Barbara Wheelock

Chairperson Hannah Holmes called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Discussion of Sawyer Street Property (The Knight Thompson House): Members discussed the potential historic significance of the property, and whether or not to make recommendations to preserve part of the property that the owners want to replace. Discussion of the historic significance followed, concluding that there was no specific historic significance for this property. Members debated whether it should still be included on the database. The owners reported that they had not submitted the renovation permit yet. Kathy and Alessa were in agreement that the shed in question did not add historic significance to the property. Kathy suggested that this property be removed from the list altogether. Members debated the most efficient way to address the property. Hannah made a motion to support the addition plans, seconded by Jessie. The committee voted unanimously to support the owners' plans.

Discussion of 65 Drew Road: Members discussed the property. It was noted that the owner does not want the property to be on the list, so they do not have to be subjected to the delay. Members discussed the potential historic significance of the property, and concluded that it did not meet the criteria to be on the list. Hannah made a motion that since the property was not of historic significance, the committee allow the permit to pass without committee review. The motion was seconded by Doreen and passed unanimously.

Hannah made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessie. Meeting concluded at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.