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**May 9, 2011
Executive session**

Executive Session, 6:30, Room 204 – Discussion of Real Property, 6 Piper Road

Present: Mike Gowing, Pamela Harting-Barrat, Janet Adachi, David Clough, John Sonner; Town Manager Steven Ledoux and Recording Secretary Christine Joyce. The Executive Session was not televised

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Mr. Ledoux requested some guidance with regard to the property.

We put the house out to bid and two bids were received. The high bid was from a builder in Maynard. Because of the historic preservation restriction, he did not sign the purchase and sale agreement. He supposedly would have signed without the historic preservation restriction. The 30-day period has passed, so the P&S is off the table.

At the same time, the MA Historical Commission has determined, on the basis of the documentation that Town Counsel submitted, that the property is not eligible for listing as a historically significant site. Bill Klauer of the Acton Historical Commission has provided additional documentation. The question is whether the Selectmen want to pursue the historical preservation requirement or try to sell without the restriction.

Ms. Adachi asked if another Town Meeting vote would be necessary to remove the historic preservation requirement. Mr. Ledoux said that Town Meeting simply had authorized the Selectmen to impose a historic preservation restriction but did not require it.

Ms. Harting-Barrat said that if we cannot get a reasonable offer for the house with the restriction--and she feels that the \$101,000 offer was not reasonable--she does not think we would need to go back to Town Meeting.

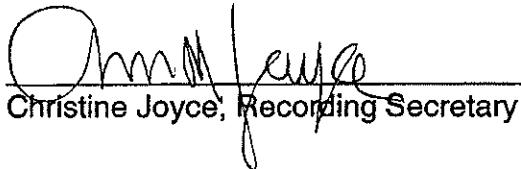
Mr. Sonner noted that if Mass Historic says no, we could sell without the restriction or hold onto it. Mr. Ledoux said we have mothballed the house since the water damage from freezing.

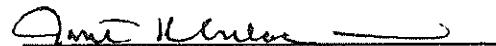
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Mr. Gowing wanted to have a minimum bid for selling the property with or without the restriction. He noted that the Community Preservation Committee may have questions, and the less the purchase price, the less that goes back to the CPA fund.

Four Board members agreed that the Town should submit the additional information from Bill Klauer to MA Historical, particularly for the historic center of the house, before seeking to sell without the preservation restriction, and in soliciting bids set a minimum. Ms. Harting-Barrat felt that the Town should sell without pursuing the preservation restriction further.

Mr. Gowing - Moved out of Executive Session into Regular Session. Ms. Adachi – second. Clerk roll call: All ayes.


Christine Joyce, Recording Secretary


Janet K. Adachi, Clerk

6 June 2011
Date