

**Town of South Windsor**

**DEMOLITION DELAY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**March 17, 2016**

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairperson Art Utay called the Public Hearing to order at 7:37 pm. The proceedings were recorded and the tape is available for review at the Town Hall.

**2. Roll Call:**

- Members present: Wayne McKinney, Tim Shepard, Art Utay, and Walter FitzPatrick.
- Members absent: None.

**3. Format of Hearing:**

- Chairperson Art Utay explained the hearing format.
- Chairperson Art Utay read the notice for Public Hearing published in the Journal Inquirer on March 9, 2016 on the application for a demolition permit for 559 Avery Street.

**4. Review of Demolition Application for 559 Avery St.:**

- Mr. Ray Favreau, Director, Parks and Recreation, South Windsor described the property. He stated that a barn on the property was demolished as unsafe in 2015. The Town has no need or use for the house on the property and believes it to be a safety hazard due to mold and hazardous materials (asbestos and lead paint).

**5. Letters received Pro and Con will be read into the record:**

- Letters received against demolition and for a delay:
  - South Windsor Historic District Commission, Virginia Macro, Chairperson, dated March 2, 2016, stated that the structure was included in the Historic Resources Inventory and believed it was significant because of its architectural style, which is typical of its era. They requested a more detailed review.

**6. Applicant presented a case for demolition:**

- Mr. Ray Favreau and Mr. Alexander Jones, whose grandfather was the owner prior to acquisition by the Town, described the condition of the house structure, the modifications made to the structure and the existing deterioration. The property was visited by the DDC and DDC questions were answered.

**7. Public Comments Regarding Demolition:**

- Public comments for demolition and against a delay:
  - None.
- Public comments against demolition and for a delay:
  - None.

**8. DDC Discussion and Decision:**

- A motion was made by Chairperson Utay to approve issuance of a permit for the Town to demolish the house at 559 Avery Street on their schedule (during the summer of 2016) since the structure is not considered historically, architecturally or culturally significant. The Town will allow access for documentation and inform the DDC of any discoveries of interest during demolition. The motion was seconded by Member Fitzpatrick and approved unanimously.

**9. Adjournment:**

- Chairperson Art Utay announced the Public Hearing closed at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Walt FitzPatrick

**Approved: April 7, 2016**