

Town of South Windsor

DEMOLITION DELAY COMMITTEE – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2018

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Art Utay called the Demolition Delay Committee meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

2. Roll Call:

- Members present: Art Utay, Tim Shepard, and Sandy Jeski
- Members absent: Kevin Greer

3. Outside Participation:

- James Murray

4. Approval of Minutes:

- Special Meeting minutes – July 26, 2018 – approved unanimously

5. Old Business:

- None

6. New Business:

- Demolition permit – 712 N. King Street

James Murray presented his case for requesting a demolition permit for the house and barn at 712 N. King. The house, previously his mother's residence, has been uninhabited since her passing 3 years ago.

In the intervening period, he and his siblings have maintained the house, but realized the structure is in need of extensive repairs. He stated they attempted to contract a builder to rehabilitate the structure, but were unable to interest anyone. Mr. Murray was told the building community does not want to renovate old houses like this one; they would rather tear down and build new. Since there are no relatives in the area who might be interested in living on the property and the cost of maintaining the structure (taxes, utilities, etc) has exceeded \$12,000 in each of the preceding 3 years, he has come to the conclusion the only viable option is to demolish both the house and barn.

There was no public response to the legal notice published in the JI proposing the demolition permit and none of the town commissions or boards, such as the SW Historical Society or Historic District Commission, expressed any written or oral objections.

The DDC determined the house has no architectural, historical, or other significance, and therefore unanimously agreed to approve the demolition permit with no delay.

7. Administration

8. Adjournment

- Chairperson Utay moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM; seconded by member Sandy Jeski and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Utay