

**Minutes**  
**Town of Hamilton**  
**Historic District Commission**  
**August 8, 2016**

The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM with the following Historic District Commission members present: George Connolly, Elizabeth Wheaton, Jack Hauck, Stefanie Serafini, and Tom Catalano (chair).

**Certificate of Non-Applicability: 630 Bay Road Wigglesworth Cutler House**

Mark Pitkin, representing the First Congregational Church of Hamilton, explained that the existing roof on the structure is a wood cedar shake roof. It needs to be replaced. The cost estimates for the replacement have been \$67,000 to \$75,000 if the roof is replaced with cedar shakes. He noted that the structure was built in 1714 and used to be the parsonage for the church. It is known as the Wigglesworth House and serves as church offices.

Mr. Pitkin stated that they are requesting a Certificate of Non-Applicability to replace the wood roof with an asphalt roof. Jim Belville, a representative of the First Congregational Church, stated that all of the other buildings in the complex have asphalt roofs. Mr. Pitkin stated that the roof has ship sheathing and that they also intend to replace the gutters.

Tom Catalano inquired whether they had talked to other firms to find out if they could give the church a better price. Mr. Pitkin stated that they had not received any other quotes. Stefanie Serafini stated that she thought they should obtain three quotes.

Mr. Pitkin passed out photos of the adjacent building indicating the appearance of its asphalt roof. Dorr Fox projected an image of the Wigglesworth House.

Mr. Catalano stated that the Wigglesworth House is a very important building in the historic district. He would prefer a wood roof. If there is a need to save money, they could install fiberglass gutters instead of wood gutters. The fiberglass gutters would be less expensive over time because they would be easier to maintain. In addition, they look identical to the wood gutters. He also stated that they could remove the metal sheathing.

Jack Hauck stated that he does not believe that there should be an asphalt roof on the Wigglesworth House. The texture is very different.

Mr. Catalano suggested pressure treated shingles with exposed copper. This would increase the life of the roof and therefore it would be less costly over time. He noted that hand split shingles are the most expensive and that standard western red cedar shingles are the least expensive. There are also Alaskan yellow cedar shingles. He noted that when the building was built, roofs were made from indigenous wood, which was white cedar. Over time there were more options because improvements in transportation allowed other wood to be transported to the area. Therefore it was possible to replace a roof with another kind of wood.

Mr. Hauck inquired about period photographs of the building. Mr. Catalano stated that it would be good to see more information regarding the gutters and downspouts.

Mr. Pitkin and Mr. Belville withdrew their applications for a Certificate of Non-Applicability and a Certificate of Appropriateness.

### **588 Bay Road**

Remco Breuker reviewed plans for the house at 588 Bay Road, which is owned by the Kagan family. He stated that they are renovating a portion of the house. The project includes the renovation of the sunroom. The footprint of the building will not change. They will change the windows, and put in decorative railings. There will be a small increase of roof height in a small secondary roof area. He showed plans of the proposed renovation.

Since the structure is visible from a public park, there was a question whether visibility from a public park was the same as visibility from a public way. It was determined that staff would check the regulation with town legal counsel and that the state enabling legislation would be consulted. It was noted that Mr. Breuker would return to the Historic District Commission at a later date.

Ms. Serafini moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Mr. Catalano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.