

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Historic Review Committee Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:00 a.m. Via GoTo Meeting

Attending: B. Dodson, D. Meixell, L. Lefko(seated alternate), D. Rich, L. Hogarty, E. Disbrow. Guest: Ray Swan

- 1. Call to Order 11 am
- 2. 147 Roast Meat Hill preliminary application

At our last meeting, we voted to ask the homeowners at 147 Roast Meat Hill Road to submit a complete application for Historic Review, given the fact that structure appeared to be a Sears Kit house, which according to sources including Preservation CT, has historic significance worth exploring.

In the meantime, further research revealed:

- That most Sears Kit houses were built prior to 1940
- Lumber used in authentic Kit houses was stamped with identifying marks
- In later years, plans for kit houses were available (Alladin, Montgomery Ward) and one could build a similar house with local lumber
- The homeowner, Ray Swan, did some research including interviewing relatives who recall the construction of the home as well as photographing relevant structural elements.
- The town building official inspected the property last week and his report indicates that this is not an authentic Sears House.

Disbrow moved that, due to the fact that the house has no apparent historic significance to the town, the homeowner at 147 may proceed with the town demolition application without further consideration from the Historic Review Committee. Dodson seconded. Motion passed

3. Adjournment at 11:02

Submitted by Lucinda Hogarty, Recording Secretary