



# TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

## Regular Meeting

Historic Review Committee

Thursday, July 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Town Hall and by Teams

Attending: Elizabeth Disbrow, Lucinda Hogarty, Dennis Rich (seated alternate), Bruce Dodson, Joseph Hutchins

Guests: Tom Lentz, Sue Nesci

1. Call to Order at 11:01
2. Minutes of June 6, 2024 special meeting. Hutchins moved to accept, seconded by Rich. Passed.
  - A. Public Hearing Recap, held on June 27: (available on YouTube) regarding 44 Parker Hill Road Extension. Members of the committee made a site visit to the house and noted many features of preservation interest, still in good condition. The hearing was well attended and neighbors opposed demolition of this house. Criteria for significance of structure was reviewed. Town Historian Tom Lentz: brief history, very old cape showed up on the 1859 map as belonging to members of the Ruddy family, early settlers of Killingworth. Mike Milano: representing applicant discussed intention of applicant: continued effort clearing woods, making continuous fields all along Parker Hill Road. Intention is to demolish one or both parts. Original house has no kitchen, no full bathroom, and no room partitions. Post and beam framing chimney intact. Owner feels it would be too expensive to renovate for use as a house. Proposed is a complete demolition of entire structure including the large unfinished addition.
  - B. At a previous meeting, the committee determined that the house is significant to the community, based on the criteria outlined Killingworth's Code of Laws, the Ordinance to Encourage the Preservation of Architecturally and Historically Significant Buildings by Delay of Demolition. Specifically, the committee designated the house a "significant building," having met the following criteria from Chapter 238-3:

*The building or structure has documented historical or architectural importance in terms of period, style, method of construction, specific use, or association with a recognized builder or architect, either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.*

*The building or structure is listed as a historically significant building or site in the Killingworth Plan of Conservation and Development.*
- Dodson made a motion stating that the committee would not oppose the demolition of the newer (1950s?) addition. Seconded by Hutchins. Passed.
- Disbrow moved that we designated the house as preferably preserved. Seconded by Rich. Passed.



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- Disbrow moved that we impose a delay of 180 days on demolition of the original part of the house. Seconded by Dodson. Passed.
- 4. There are no pending or upcoming applications.
- 5. We will review the schedule of meetings for 2025 and finalize at a future meeting.
- 6. Comments: Tom Lentz has drafted a stone wall ordinance for our review, to protect historic structures. There was a discussion of the signage required during or after the 180 day period of the demolition delay. We plan to have a display of books and photos on stone walls for the library's display case in August. Hutchins will help with this.
- 7. Adjourned at 11:28.