

Historic Preservation Council

Addendum to May 4, 2015 Minutes

Re: 7A. Local Historic Property study report, Golden Shadows Mansion, Westport

Chairperson Nelson read the motion: and included the date the report was conducted.

Pursuant to CGS 7-147(q)(c) the historic preservation council votes to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance and the boundaries of the proposed historic property Golden Shadows Mansion 68 Compo Road South, and Guest House 70 Compo Road South, and Carriage House 72 Compo Road South which together are on one parcel know as 60 Compo Road South as presented by Westport Historic District Commission in the report dated March 2016. The above named property will be added to the state register of historic places.

Kathy Maher made a motion to accept the boundaries of the proposed property Golden Shadows Mansion; Second by Margaret Farber.

Discussion ensued

Mary Dunne noted because there were three parcels on the land however; the garage/carriage house was not addressed or included and does need to be added to the survey report because it will be under review by the Commission.

Ms. Dunne further reported, the Motion lists 68, 70, and 72 Compo Rd. But the parcels are legally known as 60 Compo Road south. This was clarified with the town -- one parcel, three buildings all known now under one address.

There is some confusion on the internal processes when a local municipality brings a recommendation for a historic district/property the Council for action. If the Council approves the district/property being recommended is automatically placed on the state register. This is considered an administrative listing and the listing remains with the local historic district files and not in the state register files.

The point for today is to approve the boundary definition than the state listing.

First Selectwomen of Westport addressed the Council and provided additional information regarding this property. The entire property know as 60 Compo Road South is also known as the "Baron South" property. The Baron bought a series of different parcels in the center of Westport and cluster all the parcels together. The town bought the property from his estate. Technically -- what the town numbered as 68, 70 and 72 never really existed as separate parcels of land/properties.

There are lot lines on the map but the entire property is 23 acres. What the town is looking to designate is a portion of the Baron's living quarters/space which includes two lots on the map. One of the lots is #68, and the other lot that includes the guest house is #70 and #72; as you will see listed on the map as parcel #1 and parcel #2. The carriage house (72) is really an accessory building to #70-the Tudor. The town did not survey the property at the time of purchase. The

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Committee made the decision to draw the line based on the very old boundary distinctions that the Baron had put together. The town is looking to repurpose these buildings.

Chairperson Nelson noted, the matter that is before the Council is the dedication of the boundaries and the acceptance of that; and there is a separate and second issue which is the listing on the state register. Chairperson Nelson asked the council if they were comfortable voting on both issues together in one motion or whether given the confusion about some of the issues with the state register if the members wanted to break that out and have that reviewed with greater clarity at a second meeting. Members of the Council said the state register designation should be taken up separately.

The Chairperson revised the motion to strike out the last sentence “The above named property will be added to the state register of historic places “, and requested the listing be brought forward separately in a Motion for action at the next month.

Revised motion:

Pursuant to CGS 7-147(q)(c) the historic preservation council votes to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance and the boundaries of the proposed historic property Golden Shadows Mansion 68 Compo Road, and Guest House 70 Compo Road South, and Carriage House 72 Compo Road South which together are on one parcel know as 60 Compo Road South as presented by Westport Historic District Commission in the report dated March 2016.

Hearing no further discussion the revised motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted

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