

Sugar Hill Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2019

Dolly McPhaul called the Sugar Hill Preservation Committee (SHPC) to order at 6:00pm on July 15, 2019. Sixteen citizens, including 7 members of the committee, attended the meeting.

Dolly McPhaul formally submitted her resignation from the Committee and Don Kiepert, Claire Von Karls, Suzanne Morley, and Fran Risinger joined her. They intend to work on the issue as independent citizens.

Claire Von Karls, Don Kiepert, and Dolly McPhaul reported on their interview with an attorney who is experienced in addressing zoning issues. The attorney advised that a path forward is to develop a case addressing zoning noncompliance of the subject Presby property. The process is to present the case to the SH Zoning Board (SHZB). If accepted, the SHZB refers the case to the SH Select Board. If not, the case can be appealed back to the SHZB in 30 days. Because SHSB members also serve as Zoning Officers and have responsibility to enforce the actions of the SHZB, it was recommended that the case be developed by an attorney that is independent from the Town. Don Kiepert will ask the lawyer to submit a proposal for case development and cost. If pursued, this work will be organized and funded by an independent citizen group.

Dan Hinds, Carl Martland, and Betsy Fraser agreed to serve on the Sugar Hill Preservation Committee (SHPC). Dan Hinds will serve as Chair, Carl Martland as Vice Chair and Betsy Fraser as Secretary. Other members of the Committee who weren't in attendance include Ron Cole, Barry Taylor, Bud Weiler, and Les Newell. The Committee will craft its purpose and submit to the Select Board for review.

Don Kiepert and Dolly McPhaul will request that the topic of activities at the subject Presby property be included on the Select Board's July 22, 2019 agenda. They will request that the lawyer who has represented the town on this matter, and also the colleague who is replacing her, attend the meeting and report on their actions, progress and plans to hold the site accountable to the Town's noise ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

EA Fraser

Secretary, Sugar Hill Preservation Committee