Lenox Historical Commission special meeting, July 24, 2019

**Present:**

Olga Weiss, Jan Chague, Lucy Kennedy, Cindy Weiss

The HC discussed how to present the proposed demolition delay ordinance to the Board of Selectmen at the BOS meeting on July 31.

* Jan mentioned the need to get the Board of Health (Dianne Romeo) informed because of its role in renovating/demolishing houses.
* Lucy mentioned the need to touch base with the tax collector.
* Lucy will bring Dave Roche, our BOS liaison, up to date on our findings and talk with the town attorney (need permission of the BOS to do this) and with the building inspector. We need to learn how demolition fits into the building permit process and find out what triggers a demolition permit.
* There was discussion of whether partial demolition such as porches and architectural details visible from the street would be covered by the ordinance.
* Members will look over the Brookline and Mass. Hist. Comm. demolition delays bylaws.
* Cindy will research tax abatements and list of architectural contacts (preservationists).
* We also need an engineer’s advice.
* We will contact Williamstown and Stockbridge about their demolition delay bylaws to find out their experiences, whether they have examples of saved building, who pays for the preservation measures, and what is the role of the town in the process.
* We discussed a demolition delay loan fund for homeowners through a local bank; maybe the town would guarantee it. Olga will contact Adams Bank.

Members will send their findings to Lucy by July 30.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting will be Aug. 8, 2019 at 4 p.m.