



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2026**

1. Declaration of Quorum/Voting Members

Meeting brought to order at 5:02 PM

Wesley Painter, Julie Larry, Erin Ware

Staff: Brad Favreau & Nan Whitten

2. John Tarr House-29 Ferry Road (Tax Map 49, Lot 4)

2.a. Recap of May 13, 2026, Site Walk of Property

- Favreau updated on timeline of events on this structure
- Site Walk in May
- Larry went to state meeting in April
- Jeremy Berube attended site walk and explained changes and why he made such changes
- Berube also addressed questions brought forward by Larry for the state
- Should we convince the state not to remove locus property from National Register.
- Larry will be attending next state meeting July 24th, State is looking for a response from us either agreeing to remove the structure or to support keeping the house on the registry
- Favreau went through the state questions and Berube's answers. It was determined Berube's way of restoration is his approach not the only way to do this project.
- State has postponed decision until City has time to talk to contractors and owners.
- State Staff have decided the structure should be removed
- No one from MHPC has been down to see the house.
- Commission members do not feel they have concrete evidence to keep the house on the registry but may make it a local landmark
- Every time a house changes hands they must give permission to be on the National or Local Register

MOTIONS 5:25 PM

**Motion-Ware-Motion to no longer fight but to begin local landmark status
Second-Larry**

Motion passed unanimously

- Favreau to reach out to heirs for permission to be on local landmark status
- It may take a couple of months to de-list the house
- HPC will send a letter to the Commission saying we are not going to fight the findings of the state to de-list the structure but to pursue local landmark status. We are committed to the fact that it is worthy of preservation even if the integrity does not meet the standards for national preservation.

2.b. Review-NRHP Request for Removal

i. Reason for Original Listing-1980

Wainscoting & Paneled Walls

ii. Reason for Recommendation for Removal

Structure has been dismantled

2.c. Discussion-Craft Response to MHPC Concerns of April 2

2.d. Further Action, if any

3. Adjourn 5:35 PM

Motion-Ware -Motion to adjourn

Second-Larry

Vote Motion passed unanimously

Chair: Historic Preservation Commission

Date

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