**WISCASSET HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

5 January 2017

Chairman John Reinhardt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jim Kochan, Richard Thompson, Susan Blagden and alternate Gordon Konrath. John asked Gordon to vote in place of Wendy Donovan. Susan Blagden was asked to take notes.

Blagden moved and Thompson seconded to approve the minutes of 1 December 2016.

Approval was unanimous.

Blagden moved to table agenda items 3 and 6 to a working meeting to be held on

9 January 2017 at 12:00 noon. Thompson seconded, approval was unanimous.

The applicant seeking a Certificate of Appropriatness CoA) for 4 Fort Hill Street asked to have consideration of the application tabled as she could not get out at night. It was pointed out that this was the third time she had not appeared. Kochan moved, seconded by Blagden, to table the application until 2 February 2017. Approval was unanimous.

Blagden and Kochan moved to accept the application for a CoA for 35 Fort Hill Street.

Discussion of whether or not to allow consideration of the application with no applicant present led to a motion by Blagden and Kochan to allow consideration. Thompson, Blagden and Kochan voting to approve, Konrath and Reinhardt opposed, consideration went forward. Kochan pointed out that through his research on fences of the era that usually the ‘beauty’ side faced the street, whereas the plan presented had that side facing the house. Also, he suggested that capping the posts would be in keeping with fences of the era, and would protect the posts for rain/snow damage. Ben was asked to forward these comments to the applicant. Blagden, Thompson, Konrath and Thomspson voting in the affirmative the application was approved. Kochan abstained.

Blagden moved, seconded by Kochan, not to discuss the memo sent to the board by Dr. Jorge Pena as it had nothing to do with us at this time. Blagden, Konrath, Reinhardt and Kochan voting in the affirmative, Thompson abstaining, the motion carried. Reinhardt said that Dr. Pena could comment during the public comment period, which he did. Dr. Pena reiterated what he had said in his memo to the board.

There being no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Blagden