

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &  
HISTORIC PROPERTY  
COMMISSION**

Jonathan Foltz, Chair  
Kevin Quinlan, Vice Chair  
Colleen Fawcett, Clerk  
Matthew Kehoe  
Allison Sanders  
Helen Whitten  
*Alternates*  
Peter Gaboriault  
Harriet "Scotty" Taylor



**TOWN HALL  
238 Danbury Road  
Wilton, Connecticut 06897**

**Tuesday Dec. 10, 2013- Meeting Minutes  
7:30PM Commissioner Whitten's Home**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Foltz at 8:10PM
- II. Motion was made by Sanders to approve Oct. 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Kehoe, minutes passed as written.
- III. Ongoing Business:
  - A. Demolition requests: None this month or last.
  - B. Literature/Information for homeowners in Historic Districts – Sanders presented the final draft of the Q&A, after a couple of suggestions draft is ready for printing and posting on the town website. The information will also be sent to property owners in Historic Districts.
  - C. Historic District updates – Website contact – Fawcett reported that there is now an email contact for the Commission Chair on the town website Wilton Historic District and Properties page: [WHPHD@wiltonct.org](mailto:WHPHD@wiltonct.org)
  - D. Salvaged building materials – Fawcett reported that the Congregational Church let the Commission know that there are extra building materials available for sale from the barn renovation project. This led Fawcett to consider how the commission could help bring information about available historic building materials to the public for re-use/re-purpose suggesting owners would have the option of taking digital photos of available structures/materials and the commission could post them online. Commissioners were interested in the idea of facilitating preservation of historically significant materials, should a property owner be willing, but want to create a process that is simple and not labor intensive. Discussion will continue at our next meeting including potential use of the town website to list available materials, who/how to

contact property owners regarding selling or giving away materials/structures, process, etc. It was noted that ultimately it is the property owner's choice as to whether or not materials are made available.

- E. P&Z regulation changes – Commissioner Sanders and Foltz will work on a letter supporting the work of P&Z on recent regulation changes.
- F. Commissioner Foltz raised question of whether or not the 50 year rule should stand or be increased (WHDHP Commission notified of any demolition request for structures/parts of structures 50 years older or more). With the 50 year rule, as of 2014, all structures earlier than 1964 require consideration of demolition delay by the commission. It was determined at this time the number of demolition requests is not too cumbersome for the commission to review, but that there may be a time to consider changing the rule. Commissioners noted that in addition to historic value, the commission looks at architectural significance as well which may be present in structures of any age.

#### IV. New Business

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

**The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 PM at Old Town Hall.**

Mark your calendars for next meetings: February 11, and March 11.