

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

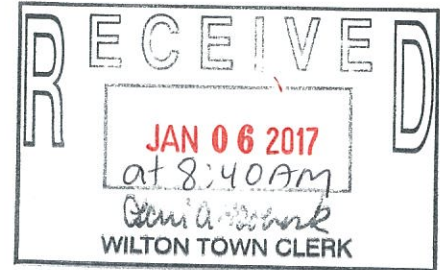
Allison Sanders, Chair
William Follett, Clerk
Matthew Kehoe
Helen Whitten

Alternates
Peter Gaboriault



TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, Connecticut 06897

3 January 2017
Town Hall Room A, 7:30pm
Minutes



- I. Call to order 7:40
 - a. Attendance

Commissioners Sanders and Kehoe. Alternate Gaboriault.

- b. Approval of December Minutes

Kehoe moved to approve, Gaboriault seconded, all approved.

- II. Election of Chair

Colleen Fawcett, who was Chair, resigned on December 13, 2016 when it was discovered that the ordinance which created the Historic District Commission does not allow salaried town employees to serve on it.

Gaboriault nominated Sanders to serve as Chair, Kehoe seconded, all approved.

- III. Ongoing Business:

- a. COA – 50 New Street – exterior house alterations
Owner presented architectural plans to change a sunroom into a more useable space by changing the windows and roofing material. No change in footprint. Changes were deemed minor, and owner will submit a COA form.
 - b. Possible New HD – Bald Hill – Report on Neighborhood meetings/discussion/next steps

Report by Commissioner Sanders: Two informal, informational meetings for owners of properties in the area of the possible new Bald Hill Historic District took place on December 8 and 10. They were organized by residents Kelly Morron and Helen Olson, who are interested in exploring the possibility of establishing a local historic district. A

preliminary step, these meetings were held to present information about historic districts, answer questions, and gauge interest. If there is interest, a study group may be formed, which would gather information about the architecture and history of the area, and further explore the feasibility of a historic district. At the end of the meetings, two neighborhood residents expressed interest in the study group. Commissioner Helen Whitten, who lives in the neighborhood, plans to represent the HDC. At this time, no meetings are scheduled.

Prior to the start of this meeting, a Public Comment Period was added to the agenda at the request of Marianne Gustafson.

Comments about the possible Bald Hill Historic District were offered by the following members of the public:

Dick Bondy, 716 Ridgefield Road
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Mary Campbell, 704 Ridgefield Road
David Palombo, 823 Ridgefield Road
Suzanne Fallon 823 Ridgefield Road
Steve Cragan, 715 Ridgefield Road
Don Weand, 954 Ridgefield Road
Marianne Gustafson
Tom Hatch, 721 Ridgefield Road
Sue Dorfman, 940 Ridgefield Road
Namita Vadhera, 6 Ruscoe Road
Jerry Dilettuso, 11 Millstone Road
Dale Hollingsworth, 718 Ridgefield Road
Bruce Dorfman, 940 Ridgefield Road
Marianne Lasala, 25 Woodland Place
Sharon Weand, 954 Ridgefield Road
M/M Ottman, 742 Ridgefield Road

Speakers remarked that having a Historic District in their neighborhood would negatively impact the potential sale of their property and would place burdensome regulations on owners.

- c. Ordinance Concerning the Stay of Demolition of Historic Buildings - Proposed Revision Draft – Review and discuss/next steps
Commissioner Sanders shared a document requested from the State Preservation Office, a listing of all the towns in the state which have Demolition Delay Ordinances, and descriptions. Discussion followed. As a next step, the Building Department will be contacted to set up a meeting to gain their input.

IV. New Business:

- a. COA - 27 Redding Road - pellet stove exterior venting
The minor COA to install a pellet stove vent was reviewed. Gaboriault made a motion to approve, Kehoe seconded, all approved.

V. Public Comment (additional) None

VI. Adjournment 9:18

Next meeting scheduled for 7 February 2017

Respectfully submitted, Allison Gray Sanders
(In the absence of William Follett, Clerk)

