

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Monday May 12, 2015 - Meeting Minutes
7:30 PM ~ Old Town Hall

I. Calling of meeting to order and approval of November minutes:

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm by Chairman Quinlan.

Commissioners in attendance are Quinlan, Fawcett, Kehoe, Sanders and Stauderman.

Commissioners seated in quorum were Quinlan, Fawcett, Kehoe, Sanders and Stauderman.

Minutes of the December 2014 meeting (last meeting held...subsequent months of January through April had no agenda items.) were unanimously approved with no corrections.

II. Ongoing Business:

A. Commissioner Sanders re-introduced the mission of re-designing a new brochure and once completed to have it uploaded to our website.

B. Commissioner Stauderman provided an information update on the recent activities of the Friends of Wilton's Historical Cemeteries (FWHC): The Campbell Family has generously volunteered to provide year-round maintenance of the cemetery adjacent to their property (at their expense). Private funds are being raised by FWHC to maintain/repair cemeteries in town. FWHC is coordinating with the American Legion and the DAR regarding placing flags on the veterans' graves at Comstock Cemetery.

(NOTE: This information was shared with our Commission for our information only. The WHDHPC and the FWHC are not formally affiliated.)

III. New Business Items

A. Commissioner Fawcett was contacted by a new neighbor of hers in Georgetown HD about obtaining a historic house sign. Commissioner Fawcett directed them to the Historical Society.

III. New Business Items...continued

B. We briefly discussed the *anticipated* Intent To Demolish notice for 105 Old Belden Hill Road house and barn (since the owner had contacted Chairman Quinlan via email last week). No need for any action until Notice is officially received.

C. Chairman Quinlan read a message received last week from Bill Follett, Chairman of Wilton Congregational Church Buildings & Grounds Committee regarding upcoming lecture/tours of WCC and HD#2 on June 13th & 14th led by Town Historian Bob Russell and Bill invited Commissioners to attend the event.

D. Certificate Of Appropriateness Hearing:

Commissioner Fawcett presented the COA request for proposed project work consisting of installing front porch columns and brackets that were original to the house and that were removed from the collapsed front porch. Proposed work also consists of replacing porch entry door (of recent decades) with a more historically-appropriate door. Proposed work also seeks approval to install a new heat pump at right side yard. During discussions, it was noted that – regarding the heat pump - COA exemptions are made for essential house utilities equipment the heat pump was approved. Commissioners also voiced appreciation that the unit will be screened by shrubs. It was noted that the columns and brackets were simply a re-installation of architectural elements that were on the original house and that the elements would enhance the historical appearance of the house. The replacement door will be or a period-appropriate style (perhaps with Victorian stylistic overtones) and any screened door that may be installed would also have Victorian-era details.

Commissioner Fawcett recused herself from the voting, as did Chairman Quinlan who was the architect for the porch renovation drawings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stauderman that the COA be viewed as a Minor Application, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe. Voting Commissioners Kehoe, Sanders and Stauderman voted unanimously to approve the COA with the footnote that Commissioner Fawcett will present the entry door for Commission review when the door is selected.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15

Next meeting - mark your calendars: June 9 (followed by Summer recess)

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**Tuesday June 9, 2015 - Meeting Agenda
7:30PM ~ Fawcett Residence (27 Redding Road / Rte. 107)**

I. Calling of meeting to order

II. Ongoing Business:

A. Current demolition requests

- 105 Old Belden Hill main house
- 105 Belden Hill Road barn & shed

B. Fawcett porch entry door update (regarding COA approved in May)

III. New Business

A. Establish Meetings Calendar for September 2015 through June 2016

Next meeting - mark your calendars: June 9