

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

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Alternates
Pam Brown
Debbie Fink
Peter Gaboriault



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238 Danbury Road
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Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2018
Town Hall – Annex A 7:30 pm

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- I. Call to order: 7:35 pm**
 - a. Attendance: Commissioners Sanders and Pojano. Alternate Gaboriault and new alternate Debbie Fink seated.
 - b. September 4, 2018 minutes to be voted at November meeting.
- II. COA follow up:** Wilton Congregational Church generator. Applicant not present. Will address at future meeting.
- III. POCD Update and Discussion**

First draft of POCD final document was received by the Chair and distributed before meeting to commissioners and alternates in its entirety.

The Chair distributed hard copies of pages 14, 22, 44-48 which have HDC related items. The committee had discussion about HDC pages, which were for early review. Boards and Commissions will comment on the next draft, which is to be available very soon. In the meantime, group discussed potential areas for commenting on at the next meeting when the new draft will have been provided by P&Z. Chair will point out that the current draft has the Hurlbutt Street School House, HD #4, listed twice in the Historic District list, and to inquire as to when the next draft will be available. The HDC's next meeting is November 6, and the POCD meeting is November 8. HDC may possibly need a special meeting to discuss new draft.

The Committee may send agenda items to the Chair for inclusion in POCD discussion at the November meeting, as debate is not allowed via email.
- IV. Demolition Delay Ordinance Draft**

The Chair distributed copies of existing Delay of Demolition Ordinance, and there was some general discussion about why it was being updated and the issues. Most importantly, there is a desire to streamline/clarify it, and to adjust the timing of the various steps in the process. The current draft, dated October 1, has been developed based on HDC and Building Dept input and advice/review by town counsel's office. Next steps: additional review by HDC, then again to Building Dept. There will be at least one presentation to BOS, and hopefully a vote at the Town Meeting in May.

V. Public Comment

Vicki Mavis, 208 Ridgefield Road had comments and request for updates on a variety of topics: 300 Danbury Road – Builder has only talked about preserving the corn crib.

Question: Is there any thought by the committee or the historical society to preserve any of the other structures. Answer: Historical Society does not have resources for another property. The Committee has intentions to tour and photograph once a formal application has been made, not clear if the yellow building is in condition to be moved.

Asked HDC to consider creating and maintaining a watch list of threatened historic structures. Commissioner Gaboriault suggested an endangered property list as a standing agenda item.

Historic District markers should be created. Is there a way to do it within the next year?

Answer: There would need to be exploration of getting that project on the next town budget.

Is HDC aware of Town Real Estate subcommittee's work? Answer: yes, HDC has provided info about which properties are historic and their status (National Historic Register, etc.). Town is planning for capital improvement projects; Chair provided info about SHPO matching grants for such projects

Village District Architectural Design Review Committee: Are they developing design standards? Answer: do not know. What about Cannondale? Answer: HDC wrote P&Z suggesting a member of the HDC or Historical Society be added as a floating member when dealing with historic structures.

Historic House Survey, Phase I and II: How will changes be made? Answer: Historical Society developing a process for bringing in new information. Why were homeowners not contacted directly to request information? Answer: Current surveys are conducted via research not by interviewing the homeowner as there were not enough resources.

VI. Adjournment: 9:09 pm