

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

Allison Sanders, Chair
Lisa Pojano, Vice Chair
Gilbert Weatherly, Clerk
Lori Fusco
Marianne Gustafson

Alternates
Pam Brown
Debbie Fink
Peter Gaboriault



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

**Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2019
Town Hall – Room B 7:30 pm**

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- I. Call to order: 7:30 pm
 - a. Attendance: Commissioners Sanders, Fusco, Weatherly, Gustafson, and Pojano seated. Alternate Brown attending not voting.
 - b. Minutes: Vote taken to approve the December minutes. Sanders, Fusco, Weatherly, Gustafson, and Pojano vote to approve.
- II. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Clerk: Sanders and Weatherly nominated and elected unanimously. Pojano is nominated for Vice Chair and elected unanimously.
- III. HDPC Funding request for 2019/2020 Town budget: Chair Sanders reported on funding request to the Board of Selectmen for Historic District signage, Historic Markers for Town owned properties, and a mailing to owners of historic homes.

Funding Request:

TO: Lynne Vanderslice

FROM: Allison Sanders, Chair, Historic District Commission

DATE: January 3, 2019

RE: HDC Project funding request 2019/2020 budget

The HDC requests funding in the amount of **\$7200** for three projects in the next fiscal year.

Mark Wilton's Local Historic Districts with Signage \$4800

Several years ago, a sign was designed for Georgetown Historic District #6, and two were made. The HDC proposes using the same design to make signs for each historic district. Depending on the district, the number of signs needed varies:

HD#1 Lambert Corner 1 sign

HD#2 Wilton Center/Congregational Church area 3 signs

HD#4 Hurlbutt Street School House 1 sign

HD#5 Wilton Historical Society Museum Complex 1 sign

HD#6 Georgetown Historic District and Extension, 2 signs (each area already has one sign within the District, but they are not visible from the main roads; an additional sign for each area is appropriate).

Estimated fabrication cost, $\$600 \times 8 = \4800 , these two-sided signs include posts and brackets. Estimate provided by the original maker of the signs, JC Signs of Wilton. Town to provide labor to place each sign.

Place Historic House Markers on designated buildings owned by the Town \$2200.00

A total of 9 town-owned buildings are designated on the Historic Resource Surveys and/or on the National Historic Register.

Of these, only one, to my knowledge, has a Historic Marker: c. 1832 Old Town Hall – Carol Russell personally purchased it for the building two years ago.

The following buildings should have a marker:

Town Hall, 1930, 238 Danbury Road (2018 Historic Resource Survey)

Marvin Tavern, c. 1762, 405 Danbury Road (National Historic Register)

Bennett-Marvin House, c. 1775/1830, 415 Danbury Road (1989 Historic Resource Survey)

Platt Raymond House, c. 1805/1880, 275 Hurlbutt Street at Ambler Farm (1989 Historic Resource Inventory)

Ambler House, c. 1805/1880, 257 Hurlbutt Street at Ambler Farm (1989 Historic Resource Inventory)

Gilbert and Bennett School, c. 1915, 49 New Street, Georgetown (Local Historic District #6 Ext; 1989 Historic Resource Inventory)

Betts-Nolan House, c. 1830, 49 Old Danbury Road (1989 Historic Resource Inventory)

Davenport-Dana House, c. 1760, 15/19 Station Road (Trackside Teen Center) (1989 Historic Resource Inventory, listed as 15 Old Danbury Road aka 6 Station Road)

Historic Markers with bronze medallions are available from the Wilton Historical Society at \$275 each x 8 = \$2200. [Please note this a discounted price. The website states that each Marker, at \$325, comes with a one-year individual membership at the Society. This price reflects the subtraction of the membership component.] Town to mount the signs on each property.

Information Session/Materials about Historic Preservation \$300 – 800.00

Provide postage and office support for a mailing of letter/ info sheets informing owners of approximately 550 historic homes on house surveys about preservation options such as local historic property/local historic district designation, and state-provided grants and tax abatements. Info session and/or materials to be presented by HDC.

Estimated postage approximately 550 x .55 = \$302.50. Assume Town can supply envelopes, letterhead, in house printing of materials?

If not, an estimate from Rapid Press of Stamford is \$488 plus postage.

- IV. HDPC Info for owners of historic homes plan proposal/discussion: Weatherly presented a plan for outreach to the owners of properties identified in the 1989 and 2018 architectural surveys. Sanders offered the support of the Wilton Historical Society to facilitate an informational event for interested owners.
- V. POCD update: Chair reminded all to read the survey results that had just been released, and encouraged HDPC members to attend the next POCD meeting on January 17, 7:00 Trackside .
- VI. Historic House Survey update for HDPC Website: Pojano presented a plan for revisions to the HDPC website to create easy access to the updated Historic Resource Surveys and to info about properties in LHDs and on other lists.
- VII. HDPC Rules regarding Alternates: Gustafson and Pojano presented research regarding the role of alternates in other Commissions, and findings which may be of use in considering other changes to HDPC rules. After discussion Chair requested that they present a draft of revised rules at the next meeting.
- VIII Update on Properties of Concern: The status of current properties of concern were discussed.
- IIX Public Comment: None

IX Adjournment: 9:40 pm

Next meeting February 5, 2019 7:30 pm Town Hall Annex Room A

Properties of Concern: 300 Danbury Road, 213 Danbury Road, 198 Danbury Road.
