### HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTY COMMISSION

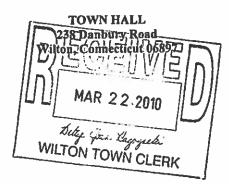
Janet Foster, Chairman Jonathan Foltz

> Kevin Quinlan Carol Russell

Marian Wulffleff

Jerre Dawson Colleen Fawcett Harriet "Scotty" Taylor





# MINUTES March 8, 2010 OLD TOWN HALL

#### I. Call to Order:

- a. Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.
- b. Attendance: Foster, Foltz, Quinlan, Wulffleff, and Fawcett.
- c. Seated Commissioners: Foster, Foltz, Quinlan, Wulffleff and Fawcett.

## II. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes:

a. Meeting minutes from January were accepted (There was no February meeting), Foltz moved, Fawcett seconded.

#### III. Ongoing/Old Business

#### A. Proposed Georgetown HD #6 expansion:

- 1. Balloting has been completed: 78.6% of the property owners have indicated their support for the Georgetown HD #6 expansion (which is well in excess of the required 66.6% affirmative);
- 2. The next step is for the Board of Selectmen (B.O.S.) to 'Notice' their Public Hearing in the newspapers. The Public Hearing will most likely precede the April 2010 BOS Meeting.
- 3. Chairman Foster will communicate with Jan Andras (Executive Assistant to First Selectman Brennan), to confirm when the Notice will be posted in the newspaper and when the BOS Public Hearing date might take place.
- 4. Following the Public Hearing, the BOS may accept, reject, or request 'revise & return' of Study Report.

## B. Ambler Farm: fostering communications with Friends of Ambler Farm leadership:

1. The Commissioners agreed to table this issue at this time and may re-address it in the future.

#### C. Congregational Church barn plan for repairs:

- Chairman Foster and Commissioners Taylor and Quinlan attended the site walk-through on January 19<sup>th</sup> wherein the barn was analyzed by a group representing the church aided by Walt Smith, Bob Faesy and Kevin Quinlan. The need for stabilization and repair was confirmed.
- 2. Commissioner Foltz will follow-up with Church representatives for an update.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Cannondale Historic District: Design presentation of commercial property owner's development plans:
  - Bob Faesy & Richard Vail of Faesy Smith Architects attended the meeting to present their
    proposed scheme for the main commercial property owner's planned development. The
    proposed site plan and representative exterior elevations were presented along with
    photographs of existing buildings in Cannondale Village and the surrounding area. (The
    buildings were photographed as a means of documenting the context from which certain
    design details were derived).
  - 2. The townhouse units are grouped in twos and threes and each unit is vertically organized, with an elevator and carport;
  - 3. The units are geared toward an aging population, and the units are for sale (not for rent);
  - Exterior materials include clapboard siding, brick chimneys and areas of stone, and the
    exterior stain/paint colors will most likely be 'delivered' prior to sale (rather than let the
    owners select their own colors);
  - Mr. Faesy stated that the site plan setback distances and wetlands issues were adhered to by the site engineers; Access to the townhouses would entail removing a portion of an existing building to allow for a roadway to be constructed;
  - 6. The adjacent green belt was deeded by Mr. Gueron to the Town of Wilton as open space;
  - 7. Mr. Vail stated that the next design phase is to concentrate on the commercial buildings, specifically bringing the General Store into code compliance and planning a partial second floor addition and renovating the Mill House and adding a second floor addition;
  - 8. Mr. Faesy stated that the P&Z would be the next step in their approvals process;
  - 9. Following questions and discussions between the Commissioners and Mr. Faesy & Mr. Vail, Chairman Foster stated that our Commission, per our charter, is only authorized to officially review properties that are within Historic Districts and since Cannondale was not approved as a historic district by the BOS in 2009, our Commission cannot officially comment on the proposed design. Chairman Foster will outline this scenario in a letter to be written to Bob Faesy;
- B. Intent to Demolish Notification: 6 Turtleback Road: Discussions by the Commission resulted in no objection to the proposed demolition of a portion of this house.
- V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:52, moved Quinlan, seconded Foltz.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Quinlan Clerk

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 12th at the Old Town Hall, 7:30 PM.