HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTY COMMISSION

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

Alternates
Pam Brown
Debbie Fink
Peter Gaboriault



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Historic District Committee Meeting Minutes October 1, 2019 Town Hall Annex 7:30 pm

- I. Call to order: Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm
 - a. Attendance: Lori Fusco, Lisa Pojano, Allison Sanders. Alternate Debbie Fink seated.
 - b. Minutes: The minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Lori Fusco and seconded by Lisa Pojano. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Update on Historic Preservation Tools consulting project: BOS did not need to hear HDC recommendation of Harriman bid; First Selectwoman has authority to accept recommendation directly and request a contract. The Harriman contract was received and sent to the Town Attorney for review and comments. Revisions were made and forwarded to the first selectwoman who has signature authority. The contract will be forwarded to Harriman as soon as Lynne Vanderslice signs it.
- III. Draft Demolition Delay Ordinance Revision discussion: In order to get a revised ordinance to the May Town Meeting for a vote, information would need to be presented to the BOS in Feb or March. HDC must complete review of the current draft. Revised document would need to be seen again by Building Department and Town Attorney before going to BOS.

Discussion of draft commenced. Is the town proceeding to get a more streamlined permitting process in place? If so, would possibly affect how this ordinance should be written as to procedures. When might that be, and who would be in charge – Lori to query Lynne.

Review to continue at next meeting.

- IV. HDC Web page on town website: A lengthy discussion regarding the HDC website (part of the Town website) ensued.
 - Concern that the HDC Rules do not appear on the page, as they used to.
 Where would commissioners and/or the public look to find these rules?
 Lisa made a motion that the HDC should draft a letter to Town Attorney to make a recommendation as to where to store the HDC by-laws, as they are no longer on the town website. Seconded by Lori. No further discussion.
 The motion was unanimously approved. Lisa to draft letter.
 - Discussion of adding hot –links to Survey property addresses which would go directly to the HRI documents on the Historical Society website, thus reducing number of clicks. Deemed a low priority, as there already is a way for users to get info.
 - Desire to offer a complete list of ALL Wilton historic properties: HRI, LHD, State, National Register. Such a list was begun by Colleen Fawcett, previous HDC Chair. It would need to be reformatted and the 2018 HRI survey structures included.
 - Either revise existing chart of Local VS National to include State, or link to a chart which provides that information.
 - Lisa will follow up with Sarah Gioffre about what would be needed to do the mapping table to overlay historic districts with property pop up information
 - Allison to speak with Bob Nerney about GIF/ adding a historic district overlay (as was previously discussed with him, and agreed upon) and the ability to add pop up property information.
- III. Update on Watch List properties: No changes.
- IV. Public Comment: No public comment
- V. Adjournment: Chair closed the meeting at 10:00 pm

Watch List: 300 Danbury Road, 213 Danbury Road, 198/200 Danbury Road.

Next HDC Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, Town Hall Annex A, 7:30 pm