



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

October 10, 2017 DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

(Digital Recording of Meeting is Available)

Members Present: Chair Randy Henkels, Vice Chair Ed Gerber, Clerk Bob Weingarten, Janet Rubel and Alternates Cheryl Bliss and Marilyn Harding

The Westport Historic District Commission held a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 201/201A** for the following purposes:

PUBLIC HEARING

1. To hear the Chair's report and update on current HDC activities.

Chair Henkels reported on the following activities:

- **At its recent meeting, the Joint Committee supported the proposed amendment to the Preservation Easement for the property at 33 Meeker Road. It voted unanimously to support the request to modify the preservation easement at 33 Meeker Road by removing the conditional requirement to preserve Building #1 (an accessory building since it was not structurally sound nor historically significant.**
 - **He expressed concern about the future railroad realignment project as described by Greg Shroud, formerly from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation, and its impact on the character of the Greens Farms area in Westport. The HDC will continue to stay informed as the project develops.**
 - **A public informational meeting will be held on October 18, 2017. Jenny Scofield, National Register Coordinator from the SHPO will make a presentation on the proposed designation of the Bridge Street National Register District.**
 - **The HDC 2017 annual preservation award ceremony will be held on Monday, October 30 at 7 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.**
2. To approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting. **The minutes were APPROVED as submitted.**
 3. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated September 13, 2017 for the proposed repair/replacement of the front walkway at **286 Main Street** located in the Gorham Avenue Historic District. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
 4. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated September 22, 2017 for the proposed handrail for stairway on west side of **Veterans' Green, 109 Myrtle Avenue**. **Chair Henkels requested photos and specs for the replacement handrail. Approved by a vote 4 (yes) Henkels, Gerber, Weingarten and Bliss and 1 (no) Rubel.**
 5. To schedule a site visit for the proposed Lees Canal National Register District. **A site visit meeting is scheduled on Sunday November 5, 2017 at 10:00 am.**
 6. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated September 26, 2017 for the proposed installation of fences at **300 Main Street** located in the Gorham Avenue Historic District. **(Chair Henkels recused himself from the table. Ed Gerber presided). The members approved the vertical plank fence located on the side of the property. Applicant will re-apply with alternative plans for the other proposed fences.**

7. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated September 26, 2017 for revised elevations, window replacements, modifications to the main house, carriage house, and garage/studio, and the installation of a walkway and driveway at t **53 Kings Highway North located in the Kings Highway North Historic District. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
8. ~~To review and comment on Planning and Zoning Map and Text Amendment #740 to create a new section of the Westport Zoning Regulations to be entitled the "Business Center Retail Residential District (BCRR).*~~**WITHDRAWN**
9. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **7 Forest Drive** be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
10. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **One Pine Tree** be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
11. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **5 Rabbit Hill Road** be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
12. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **2 Keyser Road** be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
13. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **3 Pioneer Road** be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
14. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **16 Old Orchard Road** be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
15. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **15 Roosevelt Road** located in the Compo Owenoke National Register District be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY DENIED. The owner agreed to consider alternatives. FEMA regulations and insurance issues will be investigated.**
16. To take such action as the meeting may determine to recommend to the Building Official that the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit at **42 Reichert Circle** be waived. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**