



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION September 12, 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 Alternate Cheryl Bliss

The Westport Historic District Commission held a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 12, 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:

- **The first Joint Committee review of façade changes within the newly created Westport Center Village District was held on October 5, 2017. The Joint Committee is comprised of members from the Historic District Commission and the Architectural Review Board. The Planning and Zoning Commission recently amended the previously approved village district regulation. The original 30 ft. setback to the RBD, RORD, and RPOD underlying zones, which border residential areas, was restored. The authority given to the P&Z Director for determining site plan waivers for small-scale projects was denied.**
- **On October 2, 2017 the CT Trust will be presenting an informational meeting on the Northeast Corridor Railroad Realignment. The Selectman's Office will be handling publicity for the event.**

2. To approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. To hear a presentation by Virginia Adams, Senior Architectural Historian of Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL), project consultants, on the Draft National Register of Historic Places Nomination Project for the proposed Bridge Street National Register Historic District.

Ms. Virginia Adams, Senior Architectural Historian of Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL), project consultants, presented a brief overview of the draft National Register of Historic Places Nomination Project for the proposed Bridge Street National Historic District. Comments from the Commission members and National Register Coordinator Jenny Scofield were received and will be incorporated into the draft which will be posted on the town website prior to the scheduled public informational meeting on October 18, 2017. The Commission recommended changes to the boundary based on the revised dates for the period of significance.

4. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated August 4, 2017 for the proposed replacement windows at 25 Evergreen Avenue located in the Evergreen Avenue Historic District. **Chair Henkels expressed his disappointment that the proposal project was to replace the windows instead of repairing them and seeking methods for remediating the lead paint contamination. Unanimously Approved.**
5. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated August 25, 2017 for the proposed enclosed cutting garden at 37 Evergreen Avenue located in the Evergreen Avenue Historic District. **Unanimously Approved.**

6. To discuss the proposed expansion of the Westport Center National Register District to include the Saugatuck Congregational Church and parsonage and the property known as Jesup Green.

Following the reading of the letter of objection from the church trustees, the HDC will not pursue the expansion of the Westport Center National Register to include the Saugatuck Congregational Church and parsonage at this time. On the basis of research on the history of Jesup Green, the members did not consider the area historically significant and therefore not appropriate for a National Register nomination.

7. 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 20 Bauer Place be waived. **Unanimously Approved.**
8. 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 Ellery Lane be waived. **Unanimously Approved.**
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 12 Bridge Street 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 32 Woods Grove 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 15 Norwalk Avenue located in the Compo Owenoke Historic National Register District be waived. **Denied by a vote 1 (yes) Weingarten and 4 (no) Henkels, Gerber, Rubel, Bliss.**
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 227 Bayberry Lane 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 21 Saint John Place be waived. **Unanimously Approved.**