



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

ABBREVIATED ACTION MINUTES

The Westport Historic District Commission held a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 in Town Hall Room 309 for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 work session and public hearing. **APPROVED as submitted.**
2. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated July 27, 2011 for a proposed new construction at **5A Gorham Avenue** located in the Gorham Avenue Historic District. **APPROVED unanimously.**
3. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated July 28, 2011 for the proposed installation of a concentric ventilation hood on an exterior wall at **290 Main Street** located in the Gorham Avenue Historic District. **APPROVED unanimously.**

Items 4,5, and 6 were bundled for the purpose of reviewing and commenting on the proposed amendments to HDD Regulations to encourage revitalization of the district. After the amendments are approved by Planning and Zoning, the applicant will return to the HDC for design review and recommendations. Upon further review of the proposed text language transmitted by Planning and Zoning prior to the meeting, Chairman Henkels will submit, on behalf of the members, their comments and recommendations. The consensus among the members was in support of the modifications which will adjust the mix of retail land office use in a balanced way that should increase occupancies and ultimately encourages the preservation and maintenance of the historic structures.

4. To review and comment on proposed amendments to existing Historic Design District Regulations (Section 30 of the Westport Zoning Regulations).
5. To review and comment on the proposed conversion of the open arcade area to year-round space at the National Hall Building at **2 Post Road West** located in the Historic Design District. **No action taken.**
6. To review and comment on the proposed addition to **8 Post Road West** located in the Historic Design District. **No action taken.**
7. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of delay for a demolition permit application at **19 Sterling Drive**. **Balance of delay period was not Waived by a vote 1 yes (Randy Henkels) and 4 no (Betsy Wacker, Grayson Braun, Tom Bloch, and Bob Weingarten).**
8. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of delay for a demolition permit application at **10 Stony Brook Road**. **Balance of delay waived unanimously**
9. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of delay for a demolition permit application at **6 Hawthorne Lane**. **Balance of delay waived unanimously**
10. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of delay for a demolition permit application at **11 Blue Ribbon Drive**. **Balance of delay waived unanimously.**

Public Hearing closed at 9:50 p.m.

11. To review and discuss nominations for the 2011 Annual Preservation Awards. **Members met in work session to discuss nominations for annual awards to be presented on October 24, 2011.**