



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

ABBREVIATED ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Randy Henkels, Vice Chair Betsy Wacker, Clerk Grayson Braun, Members Bob Weingarten and Ed Gerber and Alternate Member Miryha Fantegrossi

ABSENT ALTERNATE: Jeff Rafalaf

The Westport Historic District Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall Room 201 for the following purposes:

1. To hear Chair's report and update on current HDC activities.
 - **Chair Henkels updated the members and public on RTM final approval for the interim appropriation for financing the Village Communities Initiative CT Trust grant project of establishing a village district in Westport Center. The focus of the appointed steering committee representing the stakeholders for the project will be on melding preservation efforts with the creation of a master plan as proposed by the Downtown 2020 Committee which is financed by the town and some private funding. A scope of work for the prospective consultants has been drafted and will be distributed to the steering committee next week before it is released.**
 - **Conservator Francis Miller has completed a treatment plan for the restoration of the Minute Man Monument Site. Mr. Miller constructed a mock up of the stonewall for HDC Chair Henkels, Town Curator Kathie Bennewitz, and HDC Staff Administrator Carol Leahy in an effort to determine the height of the stone wall in its relationship to the fence and the statue. Funding for the restoration has been approved by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, and the RTM.**
2. To approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 public hearing. **The minutes were approved as amended.**
3. Upon the request of the Maplewood Avenue neighbors, to approve the establishment of a study committee for the proposed local historic district designation of **Maplewood Avenue. Ms. Jennifer Alfano representing the Maplewood Avenue neighbors presented the HDC members with a petition signed by 18 neighbors in support of the proposed local historic district. The members supported the designation proposal and a study committee was formed to prepare a study report for submission to the State Historic Preservation Office and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation.**

4. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated September 23, 2013 for alterations and additions at **79 Kings Highway North** located in the Kings Highway North Historic District. ***Certificate of Appropriateness approval for the proposed alterations was approved unanimously.***
5. To take such action as the meeting may determine to support the petition to the RTM to overturn the decision of the negative 8-24 report of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the proposed relocation of the Kemper-Gunn house to a portion of the Baldwin Parking lot at **35 Elm Street**. **The members unanimously supported the petition to overturn the decision of the negative 8-24 report of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the proposed relocation of the Kemper-Gunn House to a portion of the Baldwin Parking lot at 35 Elm Street. Chair Henkels will prepare a memo stating HDC support to be forwarded to the RTM for its October 22, 2013 public hearing.**
6. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **24 Prospect Road**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**
7. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **22 Jennie Lane**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**
8. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **9 Harding Lane**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**
9. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **158 Hillspoint Road**. **The waiver was unanimously denied.**
10. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **12 Quintard Place**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**
11. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **16 Long Lots Lane**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**
12. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **305 Compo Road South**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**
13. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **18 Compo Parkway**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**
14. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **5 Sprucewood Lane**. **The waiver was unanimously approved.**

15. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **98 Hillspoint Road. The waiver was unanimously approved.**

16. To select recipients for the upcoming Annual Preservation Awards to be presented at Town Hall on October 23, 2013. **The members met in a work session to select nine recipients to receive the 2013 Annual Preservation Awards.**