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Historic District Commission

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WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024, 7:00 PM MINUTES

Members Present:

Grayson Braun, Chair
Scott Springer, Vice Chair
Wendy Van Wie, Clerk
Martha Eidman, Member
William Ryan, Member
Arthur Hayes, Alternate
Elayne Landau, Alternate
Ben Levites, Alternate

Staff Present:

Donna Douglass, HDC Administrator

The Westport Historic District Commission held an electronic public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, public meeting.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To APPROVE the minutes of the February 13, 2024, public meeting.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie, Hayes, Landau
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
2. To take such action as the meeting may determine to authorize the HDC to self-perform a study report, incorporating research from the petitioners, for the local historic property designations of early 20th-century stone bridges: Greens Farms at Center Street, Cross Highway over Deadmans Brook, Long Lots Road over Muddy Brook, Myrtle Avenue at Violet Lane, Evergreen Avenue (pending confirmation that the established boundary of the Evergreen Avenue Historic District currently excludes the bridge) and Jesup Road (pending confirmation that the established boundary of the Jesup Road Historic District currently excludes the bridge).
MOTION (made by Springer): To authorize the HDC to self-perform a study report, incorporating research from the petitioners, for the local historic property designations of early 20th-century stone bridges: Greens Farms at Center Street, Cross Highway over Deadmans Brook, Long Lots Road over Muddy Brook, Myrtle Avenue at Violet Lane, Evergreen Avenue and Jesup Road.
SECOND: Eidman
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie, Hayes, Landau, Levites
VOTE: Approved. (Aye: Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie, Hayes, Landau, Levites; Nay: Braun)
3. To review and discuss the HDC's recent adoption of the Jennings Trail including an evaluation of text for three additional historic markers and a conversation regarding possible ways the HDC can support the Jennings Trail program.
DISCUSSION HELD; NO ACTION TAKEN
4. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated February 13, 2024, for proposed new copper gutters and leaders at **6 Gorham Avenue** (PID # C11/179/000) which is located within the Gorham Avenue Local Historic District.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To APPROVE a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated February 13, 2024, for proposed new copper gutters and leaders at 6 Gorham Avenue (PID # C11/179/000) which is located within the Gorham Avenue Local Historic District.
SECOND: Springer

SEATED: Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie, Hayes, Landau, Levites
RECUSED: Braun
VOTE: Unanimously approved.

5. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated February 23, 2024, for proposed front porch addition, front door with sidelights, moving roof ridge, changing corner boards and side wall shingle exposure, and gutters at **66 Kings Highway North** (PID # C09//054/000) which is located within the Kings Highway North Local Historic District: Kings Highway North National Historic District.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To APPROVE a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated February 23, 2024, for proposed front porch addition, front door with sidelights, moving roof ridge, changing corner boards and side wall shingle exposure, and gutters at 66 Kings Highway North (PID # C09//054/000) which is located within the Kings Highway North Local Historic District: Kings Highway North National Historic District.
SECOND: Ryan
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Van Wie, Hayes, Landau, Levites
ABSTAIN: Springer
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
6. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated February 23, 2024, for proposed generator, exterior lighting, and deck railing above garage at **35 Wright Street** (PID # C09//042/000) which is located within the Kings Highway North Local Historic District: Kings Highway North National Historic District.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To APPROVE a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated February 23, 2024, for proposed generator, exterior lighting, and deck railing above garage at 35 Wright Street (PID # C09//042/000) which is located within the Kings Highway North Local Historic District: Kings Highway North National Historic District.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
7. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Historic Design District* application dated February 28, 2024, for proposed painting and repairs to the façade at **2 & 8 Post Road West** (PID # C09//117/000) which is located within the Historic Design District.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To recommend approval of a *Historic Design District* application dated February 28, 2024, for proposed painting and repairs to the façade at 2 & 8 Post Road West (PID # C09//117/000) which is located within the Historic Design District, except that the approval recommendation for repairing or replacing historic metal cladding is postponed pending further information from the applicant, and the substitution of in-kind material for the cupola in place of the proposed PVC.
SECOND: Ryan
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
8. To take such action as the meeting may determine to rescind adoption of the motion to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit at **6 Stony Point Road**, which motion was adopted at the February 13, 2024, meeting.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To RECIND ADOPTION of the motion to OPPOSE the issuance of the demolition permit at 6 Stony Point Road, which motion was adopted at the February 13, 2024, meeting.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.
9. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **3 Hickory Hill Road** and require the full 180-day delay.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To WAIVE the 180-day delay and allow issuance of the demolition permit at 3 Hickory Hill Road.
SECOND: Ryan
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.

10. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **26 Hitchcock Road** and require the full 180-day delay.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To WAIVE the 180-day delay and allow issuance of the demolition permit at 26 Hitchcock Road.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.
11. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **9 Lakeview Road** and require the full 180-day delay.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To WAIVE the 180-day delay and allow issuance of the demolition permit at 9 Lakeview Road.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.
12. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **17 Broad Street** and require the full 180-day delay.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To WAIVE the 180-day delay and allow issuance of the demolition permit at 17 Broad Street.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.
13. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **170 Riverside Avenue (Doubleday Field House)** and require the full 180-day delay.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To WAIVE the 180-day delay and allow issuance of the demolition permit at 170 Riverside Avenue (Doubleday Field House).
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.
14. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **23 Soundview Avenue** and require the full 180-day delay.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To WAIVE the 180-day delay and allow issuance of the demolition permit at 23 Soundview Avenue.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.
15. To hear the Chairwoman's update.
Discussion held; No action taken.
16. To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION (made by Braun): To adjourn the meeting at 9:36PM
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Ryan, Springer, Van Wie, Hayes, Landau, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved.