



# Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

## WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### ABBREVIATED ACTION MINUTES

February 9, 2016

#### PRESENT

Chair Randy Henkels  
Vice Chair Ed Gerber  
Alternate Judi Freedman  
Alternate Cheryl Bliss  
Alternate Marilyn Harding

The Westport Historic District Commission held a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Town Hall Room 201 for the following purposes:

#### PUBLIC HEARING

1. To hear Chair's report and update on current HDC activities. **Chair Henkels reported that the draft reports for the Golden Shadows and the Nike Missile Radar Site were submitted and accepted by the study subcommittee. Upon the completion of a few minor revisions, the reports will be forwarded to the full commission/study committee for approval.**
2. To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 public hearing. **The January 12, 2016 minutes will be reviewed and approved at the February 8, 2016 public hearing.**
3. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated January 26, 2016 for proposed exterior modifications to small frame accessory structure and main structure, and addition to the main structure at **300 Main Street** located in the Gorham Avenue Local Historic District. **(Chair Henkels recused himself for this item). Approved unanimously.**
4. To approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated January 26, 2016 for the installation of town owned sidewalks (in summer/fall 2014) fronting 46 Wright Street located in the Kings Highway North Historic District. **Approved unanimously with the understanding that the public works director would seek CA approval for future streetscape changes to all Local Historic Districts.**
5. To hear a request from a resident to nominate Bridge Street (from Compo Road South to the Saugatuck River Bridge/William F. Cribari Memorial Bridge) as a National Register District. **The wording of the item was amended as follows "To hear a request from a resident to nominate Bridge Street (from Compo Road South to include the Saugatuck River Bridge/William F. Cribari Memorial Bridge) as a National Register District."** Mr. Werner Liepolt presented his request to nominate the half mile road known as Bridge Street (State Highway 136) lined with 13 historic resources structures and river rock masonry walls as a National Register District. There were no neighbors present to support the nomination. The members unanimously supported the proposed nomination and offered to assist Mr. Liepolt with the nomination process with the possibility of seeking grant funding for the assistance of an architectural historian.

6. To hear a request from Attorney Michael T. Bologna on behalf of Westport residents to discuss the formation of a Study Committee for a proposed boundary amendment of the Kings Highway North Historic District. **WITHDRAWN**
7. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **16 Old Hill Farms Road. (Chair Henkels recused himself for this item). The waiver of delay was approved unanimously.**
8. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **11 Hunt Club Lane. The waiver of delay was approved unanimously.**
9. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **9 Owenoke Park located in the Compo/Owenoke National Register Historic District. The waiver of delay was unanimously APPROVED.**
10. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **18 Evergreen Parkway. The waiver of delay was unanimously APPROVED.**
11. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **32 Woodside Avenue, c. 1850, identified on the Historic Resources Inventory. Waiver of delay unanimously DENIED.**
12. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **6 Evans Court. The waiver of delay was approved unanimously.**
13. To take such action as the meeting may determine to waive the balance of the delay period for a demolition permit application at **17 Owenoke Park** located in the Compo/Owenoke National Register District. (Waiver denied at 1/12/16 public hearing). **The waiver of delay was DENIED unanimously.**
14. To discuss ways of reviewing demolition waiver requests for properties deemed historically and architecturally insignificant by the members. **Demolition waivers will be heard following other HDC agenda items in the order of insignificant properties first and significant properties last.**