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Historic District Commission

Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Avenue
Westport, CT 06880
Westportct.gov
Telephone (203) 341-1184

WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024, 7:00 PM MINUTES

Members Present:

Grayson Braun, Chair
Scott Springer, Vice Chair
Wendy Van Wie, Clerk
Martha Eidman, Member
Elayne Landau, Alternate
Benjamin 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, July 9, 2024**, for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, work session.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To APPROVE the minutes of the June 11, 2024, work session meeting.
SECOND: Braun
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Springer, Van Wie, Landau, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
2. To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, public meeting.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To APPROVE the minutes of the July 11, 2024, public meeting.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Springer, Van Wie, Landau, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
3. To take such action as the meeting may determine to discuss and consider **70 Old Hill Road** for recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission for §32-18.
MOTION (made by Van Wie): To recommend the c. 1795, 5-bay late Georgian farmhouse, located at 70 Old Hill Road, to the Planning and Zoning Commission for §32-18 because the HDC finds, pursuant to §32-18.2.1(d) (v), that the structure is indicative of a significant architectural style or period.
SECOND: Landau
SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Van Wie, Landau, Levites
RECUSED: Springer
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
4. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **3 Rex Lane** 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 Rex Lane.
SECOND: Springer
SEATED: Eidman, Springer, Van Wie, Landau, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.
5. To take such action as the meeting may determine to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit for **28 Pin Oak Court** 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 28 Pin Oak Court.

SECOND: Springer

SEATED: Eidman, Springer, Van Wie, Landau, Levites

VOTE: Unanimously approved. The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.

6. To take such action as the meeting may determine to rescind adoption of the motion to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit at **35 Evergreen Parkway**, which motion was adopted at the June 11, 2024, meeting.

MOTION (made by Springer): To RESCIND adoption of the motion to oppose the issuance of the demolition permit at 35 Evergreen Parkway, which motion was adopted at the June 11, 2024, meeting and allow issuance of the demolition permit.

SECOND: Levites

SEATED: Eidman, Springer, Van Wie Landau, Levites

RECUSED: Braun

ABSTAIN: Van Wie

VOTE: Approved 3-1 (AYE: Springer, Landau, Levites; NAY: Eidman). The remainder of the 180-day delay is WAIVED.

7. Follow up discussion on the following Preservation Plan action items.

- a. Brief update on local historic district walking tours
- b. Brief update on the draft HDC recission policy, "So, the HDC Denied Your Waiver..."
- c. Brief update on the Bridges Study Report

Discussion held; No action taken.

8. To hear the Chairwoman's update.

Discussion held; No action taken.

9. To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION (made by Braun): To adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM

SECOND: Eidman

SEATED: Braun, Eidman, Springer, Van Wie, Landau, Levites

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

Grayson Braun, Chair,
Historic District Commission
July 11, 2024

WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CoA)

Application is hereby made for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness under the Historic District Ordinance of Westport, Connecticut, enacted pursuant to the enabling authority contained in Chapter 97A, Section 7-147d and 147s, as amended, of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

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HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION

SECTION 1 (To be completed by the Applicant):

Address of proposed work: 113 Cross Highway

Owner: Bonnie Siegler and Jeff Scher

Phone: 917 216 8082 Email: Bonnie@8point5.com

Agent/Contractor: Elvis O. Torres

Address: Bridgeport CT 06605

Phone: 203545 5208 Email: elvis_torres23@hotmail.com

Anticipated date of completion: May 7, 2024

 July 16, 2024

Owner's Signature (Application must be signed) Date

Brief description of project: _____

Painting the exterior of the main house and all the out-buildings.

The east side of the house had experienced a lot of sun damage so they sanded that side of the house as well.

SECTION 2 (To be completed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer)

- Appears to comply with regulations
- Appears not to comply with regulations
- More information needed

Signature of Zoning Enforcement Officer indicating preliminary review of compliance with zoning regulations. Date

SECTION 3 (To be completed by the Historic District Commission)

Date of Public Hearing: 8/13/24

- Certificate of Appropriateness **APPROVED**
List any conditions or modifications:

- Certificate of Appropriateness **DENIED**
List reasons for denial:

Signature/Chair, WHDC Date

After approval has been obtained from the Historic District Commission, work cannot commence until proper zoning and building permits have been obtained from the Planning and Zoning and Building Departments.

SECTION 4 (To be completed by the Historic District Commission)

FINAL APPROVAL

Signature/WHDC: _____ Date of Site Inspection: _____



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WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

Meeting ID: 868 5415 7771
Passcode: 435790
Dial by your location
• +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854157771?pwd=miZIMHaEcdRqoAXWHwVbmkbejaLypu.1>

The Westport Historic District Commission will hold an electronic public meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, August 13, 2024**, for the following purposes:

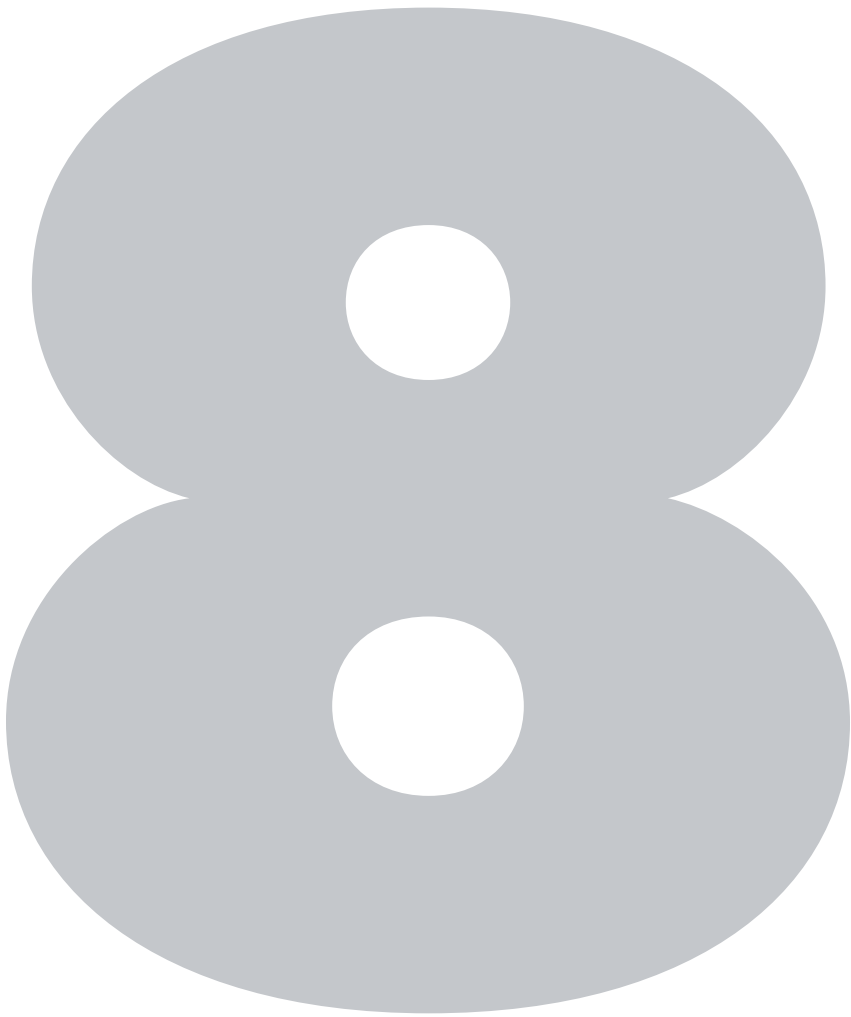
1. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated July 16, 2024, for existing sanding and painting of the main house and out-buildings at **113 Cross Highway** (PID # E13/042/000) which is Local Historic Property.
2. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness* application dated July 22, 2024, for proposed renovations to the barn including demo, rebuild and expansion of the right wing; and renovations to the left wing of the existing barn at **134 Cross Highway** (PID # F13/023/000) which is Local Historic Property.

Grayson Braun, Chair
Historic District Commission
August 1, 2024

Special Notice Regarding This Electronic Meeting:

Pursuant to State law, there will be no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held electronically. Telephone and Zoom video participation details are above. Comments from the public will be received during the public meeting. A copy of the applications and Historic District Commission agenda for the meeting is available on-line at www.westportct.gov and on the Town Calendar web page under August 13, 2024.

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**113 CROSS HWY
WESTPORT CT 06880
(203) 557 9707**



July 16, 2024

TO:
Historic District Commission

RE:
Certificate of Appropriateness
113 Cross Highway

This was a pretty simple job so I am attaching the only paperwork I have, which is the quote for the job.

I was not aware of the necessity of this certificate until I received the letter from you. I am also curious what other responsibilities we may have.

Finally, regarding the sanding, we did know there would be some sanding where paint was peeling on the out-buildings (small spots) but when we were halfway through the job, it was determined that the previous primers had failed on the east side of the house and had to be removed. This was a surprise to us.

Of course, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Best,
Bonnie Siegler

8POINT5.COM

QUOTE

ELVIS O TORRES LLC

INVOICE #400
DATE: 5/7/2024

BRIDGEPORT CT 06605
203-545-5208
ELVIS_TORRES23@HOTMAIL.COM

TO
Bonnie and jeff s

SALESPERSON.	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	START DATE
Torres painting llc	113 Cross Hwy, Westport, CT 06880	2 PAYMENT	5/11/2024

QTY			UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
Estimate 1				
	Main house and ping pong house price includes sanding where it is peeling remove the storm window power wash throughout the house paint the shutters Windows ,TRIM one coat of oil primer and two coats of stain latex with mold treatment			\$15,000
	Bonnie studio Jeff studio and the garage The price includes sanding where it is peeling. A coat of primer on all the walls and trim. Oil primer and two coats of solid stain latex with mold treatment also power wash on everything			\$6,500
	Small shed to the left of the barn the price includes sanding where it is peeling paint walls trim Windows one coat of oil primer and two coats of stain latex with mold treatment also power wash on everything			\$500

	Barn at main entrance the price includes sanding where it is peeling a coat of primer on all walls and trim a coat of oil primer and 2 coats of solid stain with mold treatment			\$2,500
	new price includes extra 4k for sanding the front of the house and the wall on the right side of the front			
	Carpentry work is 35 per hour owner pays for material and labor. The final bill will be sent when all the carpentry and shutters are finished. \$ 1,800. Wash windows main house \$800			\$4,000
SUBTOTAL				28,500
SALES TAX				
TOTAL				\$31,100

Quotation prepared by: _____

This is a quotation on the goods named, subject to the conditions noted below: Describe any conditions pertaining to these prices and any additional terms of the agreement. You may want to include contingencies that will affect the quotation.

To accept this quotation, sign here and return: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!







**HIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

STATE REV. 6-83

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Town No.: _____ Site No.: **117**

UTM: _____

QUAD: _____

DISTRICT: S NR Actual Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) **Meeker-Elwood House** (Historic) **Samuel Meeker House**

2. TOWN/CITY **Westport** VILLAGE _____ COUNTY **Fairfield**

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) **113 Cross Highway** **5320-2/11-1**

4. OWNER(S) **Godfrey, John** Public Private

5. USE (Present) **Residence** (Historic) **Residence**

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE: Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN _____

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING **Greek Revival** DATE OF CONSTRUCTION **ca. 1830**

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____

Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone

Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame Post and beam balloon

Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel

Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)

Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth

Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate

Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

NUMBER OF STORIES **2** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS **26x38**

12. CONDITION (Structural) Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated (Exterior) Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) On original site Moved WHEN? _____ (Alterations) Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN **skylights**

14. RELATED BUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn Shed Garage * Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) ***repair garage 2+ hole outhouse/original**

Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Set on generous grounds with large maples. Picket fence at road. Cross Highway Garage buildings to rear and east of house. Contributing structure.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
 The handsome, well-proportioned, side-hall plan dwelling is an excellent example of a transitional house. Grecian details include the deep frieze and molded cornice which continue along the rake of the roof on the gable ends and the bold, tripartite door surround with side lights but no transom. The entrance door dates from the turn-of-the-century. The 1 1/2-story recessed service wing on the west side is original, but the wrapping verandah with turned posts, lacey corner bracters, and a plain balustrade is a late-19th century improvement. The 6-over-6 windows appear to be at least a partial replacement. Two-over-two sash are set in gable ends. Barns and sheds are located to the rear and east of the house, which until recently stood in a remarkably complete state of preservation.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Farmer William Meeker (1800-1886) got a parcel of unspecified acreage but "with dwelling house and other buildings thereon standing" from his father Burr Meeker in 1840 (3:330), and he resided there until his death in 1886. The house was settled on Angeline Meeker, his widow, from William's heirs in 1886, and then to William's son Leroy and his wife Eliza in 1891 (16:710, 18:403). In 1924 ownership passed to Leroy and Eliza's daughter, Nellie L. Elwood, and she conveyed a half interest in the property to her sons, John Mackle and Clayton Elwood, in 1945 (94:153). John Mackle operated the Cross Highway Garage, founded in 1908, and it later became the first automobile service station in Westport. Most of the buildings associated with the business survive. The house is one of the few early dwellings that retain its late-19th century improvements.

SOURCES

Westport Land Records.
 Adams Manuscript.
 Westport Historical Society: House File.
 Wakeman, Isaac. Interview, 6/88.

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

DATE

Mary E. McCahon

May, 1988

VIEW

south

NEGATIVE ON FILE

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COMPILED BY

NAME

DATE

Mary E. McCahon, Architectural Historian

June, 1988

ORGANIZATION

Westport Historic District Commission

ADDRESS

Town Hall Westport, Conn. 06880



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: _____

PAL, Pawtucket, RI 02860
June 2000

Address: 113 Cross Highway

Name: William Meeker House

NR District:

Local District:

Neg No.: 2:13

HRS ID No.: 0218

