

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

Carol Russell, Chairman
Jonathan Foltz
Janet Foster
Kevin Quinlan
Marian Wulffleff
Alternates
Jerre Dawson
Tierney O'Hearn
Harriet "Scotty" Taylor



**TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, Connecticut 06897**

**MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

Chairman Russell called the meeting was called to order at 7:40

The June minutes were approved as presented. Moved Foltz, seconded Wulffleff.

AMBLER FARM HISTORIC PROPERTY:

The Commission attended the Public Hearing for the establishment of a Historic Property at Ambler Farm. The First Selectman plans to compile a list of questions that we will answer before the BOS meets again to vote on the ordinance. The vote was postponed until these questions are presented and answered.

GEORGETOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT:

Chairman Russell explained the boundaries and extent of the proposed district using the maps included in the Study Report. The boundaries she suggests are more extensive than those proposed by Vice Chair Wulffleff. There was a discussion about the right approach; It is better to start big & cut back as necessary or start with an area that is certain to be approved and then enlarge the district over time as residents become interested in being part of a historic district. It was felt that the best approach would be to have the district encompass as large an area as possible.

The motion was made to submit the Report as written to the State & P&Z for comments. Kevin moved, seconded Wulffleff. It will be submitted this week.

The Commission is planning on having the public hearing in November & based on the feedback from the residents and then decide how to redraw the boundaries if need be.

SIGN PLAN:

Smaller signs than the original were presented.

It was decided to bring up the question of signs with the BOS soon.

There is no further information on the question of tax relief for historic districts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION:

An application comes from the First Selectman to the State. The State has oversight and the Commission must fulfill certain requirements. The question will be reviewed further and perhaps the CTFHP workshop would give an opportunity to learn more about this.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Merwin Meadows sign appears to be in violation of the sign ordinance. It was suggested that the Commission write a letter to Parks & Recreation to bring the issue to their attention. The clerk will compose a letter to them to tell them that the sign needs to be changed. A letter should also be sent to the Wilton Playshop reminding them that their sign appears within a HD and should have been approved

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10

The next meeting will be held at the Old Town Hall on October 13, 2008 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Foster
clerk