HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTY COMMISSION

Janet Foster, Chairman
Jonathan Foltz
Kevin Quinlan
Carol Russell
Marian Wulffleff
Alternates
Jerre Dawson
Colleen Fawcett
Harriet "Scotty" Taylor



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Minutes May 10, 2010 OLD TOWN HALL

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.
- b. Attendance: Foster, Foltz, Quinlan, Russell, Wulffleff, Dawson, Fawcett, and Taylor.
- c. Seated Commissioners: Foster, Foltz, Taylor, Russell, and Wulffleff.

II. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting minutes from April were accepted, Wulffleff moved, Foltz seconded; Fawcett and Russell abstained (not in attendance at April meeting).

III. Ongoing/Old Business

A. Proposed Georgetown HD #6 expansion: progress discussion & next steps

Foster explained that the proposed Georgetown HD #6 expansion was approved by the Board of Selectmen on May 10 following their public hearing. The vote was unanimous in favor. She described it as approval with "nary a (negative) comment." All of the residents were very happy. Russell stated that the Georgetown Community Association will have a celebration at their regular meeting on May 12. She also stated that our commission should take note that the First Selectmen stated how impressed he was with the number of property owners who attended the many meetings and public hearings for this expansion. Although the school was a major emphasis in this area, the individual homes and properties were important too. The residents are proud of their neighborhood and they showed it. Wulffleff said it was a case where the participants followed the steps of how it should work and demonstrated that the full cooperation of all of the neighbors helped the whole process.

Russell suggested that as a follow up, each property owner in the new expanded area should receive a brochure explaining what it means to be in a historic district and that the brochure should stay with the house in case of a sale. She asked Marian to update the map – all of which should be put on the Town's web site. The Town Clerk should be contacted to see if the land records should be updated, too.

B. Cannondale Historic District: setting-up meeting with Gueron & Faesy

The Commission recapped the details of Bob Faesy & Rich Vail's March presentation to our Commission for the benefit of Commissioner Russell who was not in attendance at the March meeting. Commissioners Foltz & Quinlan will be organizing a meeting with Marc Gueron to discuss his proposed project in Cannondale.

C. Congregational Church barns (known as the 'Comstock barns'): update on plan for repairs
A letter of thanks was received by the Commission from the Church for assistance with the State of CT barn grant application. The grant has been approved and the State will match ½ of the funds allocated.

IV. New Business

- A. Intent to Demolish Notification: 158 Old Highway: The Commission has no objection to this demolition.
- B. Intent to Demolish Notification: **221 Sharp Hill Road:** Chairman Janet Foster will contact Gurnari Builders to clarify the scope of work of the proposed project.
- D. Discussion of **Ambler Farm** was re-opened and a meeting with the Friends of Ambler Farm Chairman Ann Bell will be initiated by Commissioner Carol Russell to discuss the status of the still-open Historic District application process.
- E. Several Commissioners will be attending Thursday evening's (May 13th) symposium on Historic Districts to be held in Milford.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45, moved Foster, seconded Foltz.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Quinlan Clerk

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14th at 7:30 PM, Old Town Hall