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 June 14, 2010 OLD TOWN HALL

#### I. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.
- b. Attendance: Foster, Foltz, Quinlan, Russell, Wulffleff, Dawson, Fawcett, and Taylor.
- c. Seated Commissioners: Foster, Foltz, Quinlan, Russell, and Wulffleff.

## **II.** Approval of prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting minutes from May were accepted with minor corrections: Under IV. New Business, typographical errors were corrected as follows: Item D. was changed to Item C. and Item E. was changed to Item D.; Also Heading IV Adjournment was changed to Heading V. Adjournment...Foster moved, Wulffleff seconded.

## III. Ongoing/Old Business

#### A. Congregational Church barns ('Comstock barns'): update on plan for repairs

Ian Tesar represented the church in presenting a scale model of the proposed barn repairs and a brochure prepared by the church to describe the repairs and encourage donations. The church will use the renovated barns for storage of Habitat For Humanities tools, Christmas decorations, etc...and may be used to park the minister's car in;

Mr. Tesar described how Bill Follett of the church's Building & Grounds Committee researched the State of CT Barn Grant and informed that a \$5,000.00 grant was approved by the State of CT and a matching grant established as well as \$1,200.00 in donations from the congregation; Thus, over \$10,000.00 is to be used toward phase 1 repairs as follows:

- Trench around 3 sides of barn to shore-up foundations;
- Replace rotted sill plates;
- Structural stabilizations (miscellaneous reinforcements);
- New roof (which is the main goal)

Materials were discussed as follows:

- Roofing materials may be cedar or asphalt; The cedar roof will be more 'authentic' but would require higher maintenance costs; Asphalt exists on the smaller barn;
- Trim materials may be wood or AZEK (cellular PVC); The wood trim will be more 'authentic' but
- would require higher maintenance costs;
- The church will seek donations for materials.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the project.

## B. Cannondale Historic District

Commissioners Foltz and Quinlan reported on their meeting and site tour with Mark Gueron on May 5<sup>th</sup> and that at the meeting Commissioners Foltz & Quinlan reiterated that we as a Commission cannot make recommendations regarding his proposed project because Cannondale is not officially a Historic District;

## C. Ambler Farm

Calls were placed by Commissioner Russell to the President of Friends of Ambler (Ann Bell) but no reponse has been received to date;

## D. CT Circuit Rider Program lecture: report on lecture by Commissioners who attended

Most of our Commissioners attended the event, obtained the latest Handbook, and met with Mary Dunne; The Congregational Church Barns' grant was discussed with Mary Dunne and was said to be the most deserving of all of the grant applicants;

## **IV.** New Business

A. The P&Z Commission's Public Hearing was reported on by Commissioner Russell as follows: Property owner Marc Gueron, his architect and landscape architect attended the hearing;

P&Z Commissioner Doug Bayer discussed the parameters of the proposed district land-wise;

Three options discussed for district parameters were the Pimpewaug School District area, National Register areas up to Scribner Hill (Split Rock Tavern), or a smaller area;

Also discussed was the three areas along Route 7: Residential, Commercial, and Adaptive Re-use;

Wetlands regulations have changed: wetland areas were expanded a bit, which affects properties;

- B. **Commissioner Foltz reported on Certified Local Governments** and distributed a report that he prepared; A meeting will be setup with Commissioners Foster, Foltz and Quinlan, First Selectman Bill Brennan, and Town Planner Robert Nerney to further discuss Certified Local Government as it may apply to the Town of Wilton;
- C. The Historical Society will be constructing a summer kitchen project and Walt Smith will be the builder.

# V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21, moved Foster, seconded Quinlan.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Quinlan Clerk

# The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, Old Town Hall