

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

Jonathan Foltz, Chairman
Colleen Fawcett
Janet Foster
Matthew Kehoe
Kevin Quinlan
Alternates
Harriet "Scotty" Taylor
Helen Whitten



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

**Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2012**

I. Call to Order

- A. Chairman Foltz called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.
- B. Attendance: Commissioners Foster, Foltz, Kehoe, Fawcett, Quinlan, and Whitten

II. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from January 2012 (no meeting in Feb) were accepted as written: Foster moved, Kehoe seconded.

III. Meeting dates and Times confirmed. Second Tuesday of the month 7:30PM

IV. Ongoing/Old Business

- A. Commission membership, status of prospective member and terms discussed. There are discrepancies in the start-dates and terms of commissioners. Fawcett will work-up an accurate chart before the next meeting.

B. Historic District #2:

Potential Expansion: Commission Foltz has spoken with many neighbors to assess the level of interest in expanding HD #2. Since there seems to be favorable interest, Foltz will follow up with an informational packet and invitation to an informational meeting that will take place at the next schedule WHDHP meeting. Fawcett will work up the invitation and information packet and forward to Foltz.

Barn Renovation Grant Application: The CT Trust For Historic Preservation Barn Grant for the stabilization of the red barn (The Comstock Barn) was approved. This is a state grant of \$5,000 with the Congregational Church matching the funds. Foltz thanks Quinlan for his expertise and work on the grant application and Fawcett for the letter of support on behalf of the Commission. Funds will be used for a new roof as well as shoring up structural support timbers.

C. Historic District #6:

HD signs / Publicity: Commissioner Foster has set a tentative date of Friday, April 23rd for a photo shoot of Commissioners and the Georgetown Neighborhood HD signs. It will take place at the Gilbert and Bennett Community Cultural Arts Center (previously the Gilbert and Bennett School).

Existing Cell Tower adjustments: Commissioners reviewed the correspondence and materials related to a slight expansion of ground level equipment and replacement of equipment within the tower structure. Commissioners agreed that as long as the modifications are limited to what was described in the letter and accompanying drawings (changes at ground level and replacement of equipment within the described equipment) we had no concerns. However, if it is determined that the existing structure (tower) would not support the proposed enhancements, the Commission would want to review any proposed new tower structure because the tower is visible from a Historic District. Foltz will provide a letter outlining our opinion to the consulting group that contacted the WHDHP.

VI. New Business

Foster shared information about an upcoming Historical Society event called “Building the Future out of the Past”:

New exhibit explores architects' work to preserve antique homes while bringing them into the 21st Century

Antique homes and their strong visual presence along roads in Fairfield County and throughout New England are an important part of the tapestry that creates the character of the town.

A Living heritage

Reminders of the town's and nation's heritage, these buildings serve as living monuments of our past. For the owners, antique houses provide a very real connection to the lives of residents long since passed. For those driving by, they offer glimpses of a landscape steeped in history and nostalgia.

New Exhibit

In a new exhibit, ***Building a Future from the Past*** opening Sunday, March 25, the Wilton Historical Society at 224 Danbury Road and a team of 11 leading architecture firms from throughout the region explore the many ways these historic homes are being preserved, protected and restored while being adapted for life in these modern times.

Curated by New Canaan's Richard Bergmann, and made possible through a \$1,000 lead sponsorship from Titus Built of Wilton, the exhibit offers a glimpse into the innovative solutions architects are bringing to antique homes.

More importantly, the exhibit demonstrates the craftsmanship and viability of homes built 200 years ago, and explores the historical, cultural and environmental benefits of their preservation.

Featured Architects

- Richard Bergmann Architects – New Canaan
- Erskine-Middeleer Associates – Wilton
- Faesy-Smith Architects – Wilton
- David Ling Architects – New York
- Bartels-Pagliaro Architects – South Norwalk
- Austin Patterson Disston Architects - Southport
- Kathleen Poirier Architects – Wilton
- Kevin Quinlan Architecture – Wilton
- Rob Sanders Architects – Wilton
- Michael Smith Architects – Wilton
- Richard Tomasetti Architects – Wilton

Exhibit Dates and Hours

The exhibit runs through October 31, and is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will also be open on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Opening Reception

A special opening reception will be held Sunday, March 25 from 3 to 6 p.m. and educational events, an architect's symposium and other events related to the exhibit are being planned.

Admission

The exhibit and events are free to members and children, \$5 for non-member adults.

For questions, please call the Wilton Historical Society at 203.762.7257

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Fawcett, Clerk

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:30 PM at Old Town Hall.

Please, Regular and Alternate members, notify the Chairman in advance if you cannot attend.