

**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
April 10, 2012**

I. Call to Order

- A. Following the informational meeting, Chairman Foltz called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.
- B. Attendance: Commissioners Foltz, Kehoe, Fawcett, Taylor and Whitten

II. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from March 2012 were accepted as written: Kehoe moved, Foltz seconded.

III. Ongoing/Old Business

- A. Commission membership, status of prospective member and terms discussed. Due to discrepancies in the start-dates and terms of commissioners, Fawcett and Foltz worked up an accurate chart of Commissioner terms. Commissioners checked and approved. Fawcett will distribute to Commission members and Town Hall.
- B. **Notice of demolition of 77 Forest Lane.** There were no objections. Foltz communicated with homeowner and Town Hall.
- C. **Historic District #2:**
 - Potential Expansion:** Commissioner Foltz will follow-up with the neighbors regarding interest in expansion. Commissioner Fawcett will outline more specific answers to questions at informational meeting in informational meeting minutes.
 - Barn Renovation:** The CT Trust For Historic Preservation Barn Grant for the stabilization of the red barn (The Comstock Barn) was approved (\$5,000) with matching funds coming from Congregational Church. Renovation was completed (new roof and shoring-up of structural support timbers). Commissioners noted the importance of saving this Barn. Discussion followed regarding remarks provided by Mr. Smith at the informational session regarding the purpose of wooden shingled roofs (allows for air circulation for hay storage, this Barn had been used for hay storage). Discussed material choice in relation to the regulations (i.e. what constitutes a minor activity or change, what is considered a minimal impact upon the historical character and integrity of the building, property and neighborhood, and discussed views from right of way.) A photo shoot will take place on May 6th.
- D. **Historic District #6:**
 - HD signs / Publicity:** Photo was taken at the sign at Gilbert and Bennett Community Cultural Arts Center and was in the Bulletin this week.
 - Existing Cell Tower adjustments:** Commissioner Foltz provided a letter outlining our opinion, which was the scale and scope of the adjustments as outlined did not constitute an impact on the HD.

IV. New Business

Commissioner Taylor shared information about the Historical Society event called “Building the Future out of the Past”. Commissioner Foltz will provide informational materials on Historic Districts and Properties for display at the Historical Society. Commissioner Taylor will reach out to Carol Russell to determine whether or not a brochure has been developed about Wilton Historic Districts and Properties. Commissioner Whitten offered to have them printed.

Commission Whitten suggested periodically doing PR and putting information out in the papers about Historic Districts and Properties.

Commission Kehoe suggested reaching out to the person who has expressed interest in purchasing and renovating the neglected/abandoned property in HD#6 on Redding Road. Commissioners will invite her to our May meeting.

Commissioner Kehoe offered to set up a google calendar for the Commission.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Fawcett, Clerk

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30 PM at Old Town Hall.

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