

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

Jonathan Foltz, Chairman
Kevin Quinlan, Vice Chairman
Colleen Fawcett, Clerk
Matthew Kehoe
Helen Whitten

Alternates

Harriet "Scotty" Taylor
Allison Sanders



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

**Tuesday April 9, 2013 Meeting
Old Town Hall 7:30PM**

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Foltz at 7:35 PM – Alternate Allison Sanders was seated. Present were Commissioners Foltz, Whitten, Fawcett and Sanders.

II. Approval of March 2013 meeting minutes

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve March 2013 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Whitten. Motion passed.

III. Ongoing Business:

A. New members and terms

Peter Gaboriault remains in process with RTC. Allison Sanders has been approved by BOS and is officially Alternate member.

B. There were no COA requests.

C. Demolition request for Cannon Road discussed; no objection from Commission. Discussion regarding the timing and order of

process of demolition requests will be tabled for the May meeting.

- D. Informational Brochure has been updated to include the Georgetown Neighborhood HD additions and copied. Commission Whitten will deliver to Commissioner Quinlan for the presentation to the local Real Estate Board meeting on May 2nd. They will also be made available at Town Hall and the Library.
- E. May 2 meeting of the Wilton Realtors – WHDHPC was invited to be on a panel discussion and will share the following information at the May 2nd panel presentation to Realtors:
- Difference between National Historic District Designation and Local Historic District Designation
 - Difference between WHDHP Commission and Wilton Historical Society
 - Where the local Historic Districts are located
 - WHDHP Commission authority on demolition of buildings/structures more than 50 years old
 - WHDHPC can delay for 90 days to find someone to salvage or move structure; can't preserve beyond this
 - WHDHPC can outreach to find someone interested in salvaging
 - WHDHPC can not stop demolition beyond the 90 day delay
 - Outline restrictions in Historic Districts (i.e. what the commission can and can't regulate)
 - Mention state study that determined that Historic district designation does not have detrimental effect on property values.
 - Why do we want to enhance or preserve historic properties
 - What are homeowner/realtor responsibilities to inform if selling a property in Historic district
 - Question is included on home owner discloser
 - Tax Department may have HD noted on field card

IV. New Business

- A. Process/Order of demolition request notification to the Commission in relation to the start of new construction. Does the current process have a negative impact on potentially saving historic structures? This discussion will be tabled for the May meeting.

V . There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 PM Old Town Hall.
Future meeting is June 11, 2013 with summer schedule TBD.