

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

Colleen Fawcett, Chair
Allison Sanders, Vice-Chair
William Follett, Clerk
Matthew Kehoe
Al Stauderman
Helen Whitten

Alternates

Peter Gaboriault
Carol Lenihan



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

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

7:30 p.m. Old Town Hall

I. Calling of meeting to order at 7:36 by Chairman Fawcett.

In attendance were Commissioners Fawcett, Sanders, Follett, Stauderman and Whitten .

Review of December minutes: No changes were made.

Stauderman made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Follett. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Ongoing Business:

A. Updates on Demolition Delays

211 Hurlbutt Street: No new information on the discussions between the interested parties regarding saving windows, framing etc.

183 Ridgefield Road: The developer did not appear at the 1/11 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee to present his plan for subdivision of the property. Tarps are still on the roof of the house, apparently to facilitate asbestos remediation. Citizen action group member raised concerns regarding condition of interiors, and asked about asbestos removal regulations, which are under the purview of the Building Department and the state of Connecticut.

A potential buyer has been in contact with the developer regarding the house. The non-historic garage and an addition to the barn have been demolished. The barn has been measured for dis-assembly and relocation.

There was general discussion of ongoing efforts in Wilton to establish historic districts and of town attitudes towards historic homes.

III. New Business

A. No new demolition delays or COA requests have been received.

B. Demolition Delay Ordinance Committee Timeline

- Sanders is in touch with Bob Root of the Building Department regarding scheduling meetings.
- The committee will be looking at both the CT Trust for Historic Preservation document and demolition delay ordinances from other towns.

C. Commissioner Positions and Terms

- Bill Follett welcomed as a new commissioner. His 5-year term began on 12/1/15
- Stauderman made a motion to appoint Bill Follett to fill vacant Clerk position. Motion seconded by Sanders. The motion passed unanimously.
- The “Terms” document will be reviewed and updated by the Clerk

D. Website Updates

- In addition to updating the list of commissioners, the following should be added: Carol Russell’s list of historic structures that have been demolished/saved; make the demolition delay ordinance more prominent and link to the Building Department; add FAQ; add link to Wilton Historical Society.

E. Determine Documentation Process for Demolitions

- Photographs, perhaps video tour of structures threatened by demolition. When would documenting take place – during inspection by Commission?
- Where will documentation be housed?
- Further discussion at next meeting

IV Other Business

A. Discussion of meeting dates. The second Tuesday of the month conflicts with regular meetings of the RTC and the DTC. Agreement to change the HDC monthly meeting date to the *first Tuesday* of the month. Continue to meet at Old Town Hall.

B. A suggestion was made that a sign be made and placed outside OTH on meeting day “Meeting Tonight 7:30” to facilitate meeting attendance by the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Sanders

Next Meetings: February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7