

**HISTORIC DISTRICT &
HISTORIC PROPERTY
COMMISSION**

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

Tuesday June 9. 2015 Meeting Minutes

7:30 PM. 27 Redding Road

- I. Calling of meeting to order and approval of May regular Commission meeting and June 5 special meeting minutes. Meeting called to order 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Quinlan. Commissioners seated in quorum Whitten, Stauderman, Fawcett, Sanders and Quinlan. Minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

II. Ongoing Business:

- A. Chairman Quinlan had been contacted by telephone and e mail by the owner, George Cross, of 105 Old Belden Hill Road who asked if the 90 day delay could be cancelled if someone takes the timber frame. The owner was informed that all questions must be submitted in writing to the Commission rather than via phone conversation.

Mr. Cross complied with the request and emailed the following 4 questions:

1. What does tax abatement mean for 90 days? You will discount my bill this year by 25%?
2. If at any time prior to the 90 day days, the 'Frame of the property' is removed or salvaged in the manner you described in your letter will you release the 90 day hold on my demolition permit immediately?
3. If I obtain someone interested in "the frame of the property" as you describe in your letter, can that person remove the frame and will that satisfy you to release that hold prior to the 90 days period?
4. If someone expresses interest in the wood beams only to incorporate into their house, would that meet your satisfaction and lead to a release on the demolition permit?

The Commissioners answers are:

As relates to question 1: We will advise Mr. Cross to contact the Wilton Tax Assessor regarding his tax question.

As relates to questions 2., 3., & 4.: We will advise Mr. Cross that nothing can be decided by the Commission as they have no authority to rescind the 90 day delay and that if a situation should arise that someone wants to take the frame in its entirety or the entire house before the 90 days are complete, the commission would make further investigations as to releasing the 90 day delay. Partial removal before the 90 days are complete would interfere with the potential preservation of the building that the commission would very much like to preserve.

- B. Commissioner Stauderman has been contacted by a private citizen through the Wilton Historical Society expressing a desire to preserve the house. Chairman Quinlan reported that three other Wilton residents have expressed their dismay at its potential demolition.

- III. Commissioner Fawcett replaced the front door of the front house with an 1850 farm house door and period hardware and a screen door will be installed.

New Business

The 2015–2016 Meeting Calendar was decided. The Commission will meet every second Tuesday of the month with the exception of July and August when there will be no meeting.

Bill Follett, Wilton Congregational Church Building & Grounds Chairman, wants to remember Walt Smith by putting a plaque on Comstock barn and contacted our Commission for any input we may wish to offer. Bill also advised that the carport of the Comstock barn will be repainted to match the red tone of the main Comstock barn and that he will forward the paint color information ‘for the record’.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting – please mark your calendars:

September 8, 2015