HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTY COMMISSION

> Janet Foster, Chairman Jonathan Foltz Kevin Quinlan Carol Russell Marian Wulffleff *Alternates* Jerre Dawson Tierney O'Hearn Harriet "Scotty" Taylor



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

MINUTES April 13, 2009 OLD TOWN HALL

## I. Call to Order:

- a. Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
- b. Attendance: Foster, Foltz, Wulffleff, and Quinlan.

## **II.** Approval of prior Meeting Minutes:

- a. It was noted that there was no March meeting, thus no March meeting minutes to approve;
- b. It was noted that the February meeting minutes were previously approved at our February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 special meeting.

## **III. Old Business**

- A. Ambler Farm Historic Property update:
  - a.) There are no new updates to report on as has been the case for the past couple of meetings (and so this topic will not be included on next month's meeting agenda).
- B. Cannondale Historic District update:
  - a.) Following the Board of Selectmen's February 17th hearing and decision not to approve the proposed ordinance, notification letters were sent to the Cannondale property owners.
  - b.) Chairman Foster read a letter to the WHD&HPC from Attorney Casey Healey (representing Marc Gueron) wherein Mr. Gueron offered to have his proposed building plans reviewed by the WHD&HPC when the drawings are ready for presentation.

- c.) It was discussed that, based on feedback from the residential property owners, they were still seemingly interested in creating a Cannondale Historic District. The Commissioners discussed proposing a smaller District with boundaries revised to encapsulate the residential area. It was thought by the WHD&HPC Commissioners in attendance at this evening's meeting that it might be the best direction to take and that we should consider sending a letter to the residents to gage/confirm their interest in proceeding with that plan. The WHD&HPC is careful to note that we as a Commission are not 'leading the charge', rather we are fulfilling our obligation to act in our chartered advisory capacity to provide guidance to any 'grass-roots' efforts brought forward by Cannondale residents. Commissioners present felt the need to discuss this matter in detail at our next meeting before proceeding further.
- C. Congregational Church construction update:
  - a.) The construction is nearly completed with the exception of landscaping, and the church administration has already moved into the new spaces.
- D. Projects assignment update
  - a. Tax relief for building owners in historic districts & properties Tierney (completed)
  - b. State Register listing Jerre (to commence in Spring 2009)
  - c. Local government certification research– Jonathan (ongoing)

## IV. New Business

- A. Intent to Demolish Notifications:
  - a. 3 Holly Hock Road: 1941 Cape Cod style house: NO OBJECTIONS NOTED.
  - b. 155 Catalpa Road: contemporary ranch style house: NO OBJECTIONS NOTED.
- V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29, moved Foltz, seconded Wulffleff.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Quinlan Clerk

The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2009 at the Old Town Hall, 7:30 PM.