

**Minutes of the Historic District Commission
Thursday, March 7, 2013
Brookfield Town Hall**

- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Jacqueline Salame, Chairperson
- Members Present:* Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson; Kevin Archer; Liz De Lambert; Rosemary Erb-Fawcett; Laura Mancuso, Harold Proudfoot
- Members Absent:* Peter Bertolami
- Public Attendance:* none

Public Hearing opened at 7:10 p.m.

Application 2013-01: Jack and Alice Gish, Gish Realty, for the replacement of the front door and garage door with new vinyl doors at 10 Long Meadow Hill Road.

Jack and Alice Gish were not present at the meeting. The Certification of Appropriateness application was submitted as requested at the February meeting.

Information on the wooden front door replacement was submitted by the owners for review by the Commission. The door style has four recessed panels with a four light transom at the top.

Discussion followed on the replacement of the garage doors:

- The vinyl garage doors would not have been approved if the owners had come before the Commission before replacing the doors.
- The Commission discussed the styles of other garage doors in similar houses and whether the house is a non-contributing historic building in its current condition.
- Reface the existing vinyl garage door with natural panels.
- Paint the garage doors to reduce the sheen of the vinyl.

E. de Lambert motioned to continue the public hearing meeting to request more information from the property owners. R. Erb-Fawcett seconded; all approved.

Business Meeting opened at 8:00 p.m.:

H. Proudfoot moved to approve the February 7, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted. R. Brown seconded; all approved.

Pre-Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

Application 2013-02: Mary & Harold Proudfoot, 179 Whisconier Road for the repair and replacement of front porch columns at said residence.

The Commission's suggestion was to repair the columns rather than replace them. Suggestions were made for the types of repair that could be investigated.

Pre-hearing closed at 8:30 p.m.

Old Business:

Residents Meeting – April 17 or 24 are the dates that the Commission will request that Mary Dunne conduct the Residents meeting.

857 Federal Road ("The Barnyard") – The Zoning Commission has not made a final decision as to the fate of the building. The Zoning Commission's discussion at the last meeting suggested that they did not feel there was enough historical significance to justify keeping the building. The HDC and the Historical Society strongly disagree with this opinion as there is more than sufficient concrete evidence to the contrary.

New Business:

The Property Owners Regulations packet was mailed March 7, 2013. Postage expense for \$40.92 was approved by J. Salame.

Historic District Walking Tour is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, at 1 p.m. Rain date is set for September 15. Wording for the press release to local newspapers will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

K. Archer moved to retain the current officers for 2013-14: Chairperson, J. Salame; Vice Chairperson, R. Brown; and Clerk, L. De Lambert. H. Proudfoot seconded; all approved.

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; K. Archer seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brown, Secretary