



**Minutes of the Historic District Commission
Thursday, February 4, 2016
Brookfield Town Hall**

- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson, Jacqueline Salame
- Members Present:* Kevin Archer, Peter Bertolami, Robert Brown, Liz De Lambert, Rosemary Erb-Fawcett, Harold Proudfoot
- Members Absent:* Laura Mancuso
- Public in Attendance:* Diane Flood, 13 Belden Hill Road, President of the Brookfield Garden Club
Connie Strait, 16 Long Meadow Hill Road
Barbara Petriccione, 8 Lillinonah Drive
Elaine Rajcula, 176 Long Meadow Hill Road

CHANGE TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2015 MINUTES

To clarify the request by Joni Park mentioned under New Business, the statement should read as follows: Joni Park will discuss the possibility of the Congregational Church Parsonage Rezoning to operate the thrift shop on a more regular basis.

Public Hearing

Application 2016-01: The Garden Club of Brookfield, for the placement of a Blue Star Memorial Plaque at the entrance to Williams Park and two granite benches, 185 Whisconier Road/Route 25.

Diane Flood, President of the Brookfield Garden Club presented the application.

The granite benches will be plain with a 3 inch x 5 inch donation plaque on the side of the bench leg. The benches will be on crushed stone if the ground isn't level enough. The benches will not be permanently installed.

The marker is 7 feet 6 inches tall at the highest point of the circle. The plate itself is 41 inches high by 45 inches wide. The marker is two sided and will be perpendicular to the Road and visible from both north and south on Route 25.

Other sites considered was the triangle at Route 25 and 133 and the Still River Walkway just off the edge of Federal Road. The Garden Club prefers Williams Park because another veterans memorial is located there, and the Memorial Day parade ceremony is normally held at Williams Park. The Club envisioned this location to be a fitting place for the monument and for folks to reflect on those that give military service.

Connie Strait, Barbara Petriccione and Elaine Rajcula all spoke in favor of the Blue Star Memorial plaque located at Williams Park entrance.



Example of the memorial plaque.

Discussion by the Commission followed. It was suggested that the Commission members visit the site to discern the placement of the plaque and the size of the plaque and its exact location near the entrance of the park. Also the Commission will consider curved benches of plain granite, possibly of a neutral color, rather than chiseled edges or shiny surfaces, to be suggested by the Commission.

The public hearing on Application 2016-01 was closed at 7:52 p.m.

Business Meeting opened at 8 p.m.:

J. Salame moved to approve the Blue Star Memorial plaque and benches at Williams Park with the following conditions: 1) exact location of the marker (to be determined) be placed on the north side of the entrance to Williams Park, and 2) location and aesthetics of the benches. H. Proudfoot seconded; all approved.

J. Salame would like to see historical commemorative plaques (similar to "Museum in the Streets") in the four corners area to designate historical sites lost to the development of Brookfield Village. One of the plaques would be for the former West Ironworks School house on Station Road, currently scheduled for demolition.

Previous Minutes:

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to accept the November 5, 2015 minutes as amended. K. Archer seconded; all approved.

Old Business:

Resident's Letter – The letter will be rewritten in preparation for a mailing in spring.

Kilroy Garage Doors, 147 Whisconier Road – The Commission will review this issue and determine what replacement doors might be appropriate. Commission members J. Salame and R. Brown will visit Brookfield Overhead Doors to check availability. Exact replacement of the style currently in use might be a consideration if a more appropriate barn-style door is too costly.

New Business:

Election of Officers – H. Proudfoot moved to retain the current slate of officers. R. Erb-Fawcett seconded; all approved.

2016 Budget Requests –

Secretary	\$1,200
Postage	400
Office Supplies	350
(paper, ink, toner)	
Legal Notice	500
Signs & Displays	535
Education & Seminars	200
TOTAL	\$3,185

Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,750
Town Historian	\$2,050
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,985

L. De Lambert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. K. Archer seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brown, Secretary