



Charlton Historic District Commission

Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting
Place: Charlton Town Hall
Date: March 16, 2011
Attendees: Jim Poirier, Chairman
Chris Widay, Secretary
Julia Hayden, Vice-chairman
Dorothy Mitchell, Member and Deputy Charlton Historian
Richard Battenhausen, Member
Laura Linder, Charlton Historian
Brad Howe, Historic District Resident
Dennis Ceparano, Town Resident

Absent: Sandy Verola, Charlton Town Board Liaison

The meeting convened at 7:00pm.

Chris and Jim were the only attendees of the February 16, 2011 meeting, since a quorum wasn't present, the meeting was not official.

A town resident has requested that the Y-intersection be changed to a T-intersection. Alan Grattidge (Town Supervisor) asked the County to do a study of the pros and cons of a Y-intersection as compared to a T-intersection and to gather an accident history for the current Y-intersection (Stage/Charlton) and the Swaggertown/Charlton T-intersection. The Historic District Commission (HDC) was asked to comment on the historical significance of the Y-intersection. It was felt that the Y speaks to the charm and essence of the historic nature of the district. The HDC unanimously agreed that the Y should be preserved unless overriding safety concerns are demonstrated. Jim drafted a letter to that effect and submitted to the Town Board. The County completed the study and recommended that the Y-intersection was preferable.

The Word document of original Historic District Ordinance was reviewed and minimal comments incorporated. The only substantive change is to change the "Opinion of Approval" form title to "Recommendation of Appropriateness", which is more in keeping with what the document is and would likely be received better by the public.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 20, 2011, at 7:00pm (the third Wednesday of the month). The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

By Christine A. Widay



Things to Think About:

- Privacy fence between the Green Residence and the Tavern.
- Deck at back of the Tavern, shielded with arborvitae.
- Stone wall in front of the Town Hall.
- Handicapped accessible ramp.
- Town Crier – administered by Kevin Stone.
- Penny Heritage's brother-in-law is focused on historic preservation.

Action Items:

- Submit draft re-survey information to SHPO for review.
- Add House Letters to the website.
- Develop a list of potential resources for homeowners to contact for work on their homes.
- Develop a Charlton Survival Guide for new residents.
- Develop a "list server" interactive forum for information exchange.