

Historic Preservation Commission

Town of East Windsor

11 Rye Street, East Windsor, CT 06016

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting conducted at 11 Rye Street, East Windsor, CT 06016.

Thursday, December 12th, 2013

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Barbara Smigiel, Kirk Montstream, Scott Morgan, and Karla Bagdikian

Members Absent: No member absent

Chairperson Barbara Smigiel called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

I. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 14th, 2013 were viewed.

It was MOVED (Bagdikian) and SECONDED (Montstream) and PASSED (U) that the Minutes from November 14th, 2013 be approved.

III. Correspondence

- National Main Street Conference brochure

IV. Public Participation

See: District 12 Schoolhouse

V. Added Agenda Items

- a. **Annual Town Report:** The First Selectman's office contacted Chair Smigiel to request a submission from the commission for the annual Town Report. Chair Smigiel read her submission to the commission.

VI. Old Business

- a. **District 12 Schoolhouse:** John Burnham of 178 Scantic Road, East Windsor, spoke to the Commission about his proposal to purchase the District 12 Schoolhouse property at the cost of \$50,000 and then to dismantle and move the building to the property located at 113 Scantic Road. The property would be purchased as a building lot and the cost of moving the building would be the responsibility of John Burnham. He stated that this would allow the East Windsor Historical Society to care for the building on their growing compound. He also stated that the current location is not secure. Barbara Smigiel stated that moving the building would remove the ability to place it on the historic register. She also stated that the developer donated the building to the town with the land as open space, along with a sum of money for use on the building. She also added that the neighbors in the area had previously contacted the town for the building's preservation. Discussion on these options will continue at future commission meetings.
- b. **Melrose Historic District:** Chair Smigiel stated that the owners of the property where the sign may be placed are concerned about future upkeep of the sign. Commission members discussed drafting a letter to the Board of Selectman so that they might make a promise to the property owners to maintain the sign and the area around it.
- c. **Driving Tour:** Recording Secretary Jessica Bottomley reviewed the project plan with the commission. Scott Morgan stated that he spoke with members of St. Catherine's church and they are excited about the tour. Kirk Montstream stated that he spoke with members of Wesleyan church and St. John's Episcopal church and they were excited as well. They also want to submit information to the commission about their buildings. Jessica Bottomley spoke with members of the Scantic Church and the East Windsor Historical Society and they are also in favor of the tour. Barbara Smigiel spoke with members of the Melrose Historic District and they approve of a driving tour as well. Jim Richards was not present. It was decided that research on each site is the next step. Commission members will research each site and report back on their findings. Kirk Montstream will also take photographs of each site.

VII. New Business

- a. **2014 Calendar:** The meeting calendar for 2014 was presented. Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of every month with no meetings occurring in July and August.

It was MOVED (Morgan) and SECONDED (Bagdikian) and PASSED (U) that the commission adopt the 2014 meeting calendar as presented.

- b. **Election of Officers:** Commission members discussed choosing officers for 2014. Scott Morgan stated that he is no longer able to continue as Secretary. The position will remain open at this time.

It was MOVED (Morgan) and SECONDED (Montstream) to nominate Barbara Smigiel as the chairperson. Barbara Smigiel accepted the nomination. Motion PASSED (U).

It was MOVED (Morgan) and SECONDED (Montstream) to nominate Kirk Montstream as the vice-chairperson. Kirk Montstream accepted the nomination. Motion PASSED (U).

VIII. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED (Morgan) and SECONDED (Bagdikian) and PASSED (U) that the Historic Preservation Commission adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 PM.