HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

November 18, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Present: James Mercer, Chairman

Barbara Syer, Secretary

Dan Bailly Donald Howe Pat Ryan Holly Troiano

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mercer at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: By Pat Ryan to accept October 21, 2010 meeting minutes

SECOND: Holly Troiano VOTE: Unanimous

Main Street Re-Design:

This Commission has purview over streetscape. The Town has to submit plan to this Commission as well as MA Historic Commission. 30 Day period for comments – this is an opportunity for a letter to Town stating our exact position and for the Town Manager Kevin O'Donnell to understand that we will be taking a very pro-active position.

There will be a meeting to consider the preliminary plans on Wednesday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. State Representative Pignatelli to be asked if "bike lanes" are mandatory if State money is used, so as to have that information before meeting on November 23.

Historic Commission:

Now has six members – 3 new members are Gary Leveille, David Rutstein, and Marilyn Bisiewicz. Old members are Paul Ivory, Lila Parrish and Don Howe.

Housatonic School Task Force:

Dan Bailly was appointed a member. Task Force to have 12 members. Holly Troiano was unable to contact Francis Tarnawa, so he was not appointed but she said he could be consultant.

Old Fire Station:

At Town Meeting \$600,000 was designated to be spent on the repointing of brick work. It never was spent for repairs. There is demolition by neglect. If that is proven, no federal funds can ever be collected or used.

Plans for 250th Town Anniversary:

To put pedestal in front of Town Hall back to original design would cost \$1,000 to \$2,000. Provide bunting for Town Hall as shown in 1911 picture. Mahaiwe Theatre to show Pretty Poison with Anthony Perkins and Tuesday Weld.

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Plans for this Commission:

Discussion of building history markers in new sidewalks
Decision made brass plaques on each building would be a record of building's history and incentive for owners.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.