



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Historic District Commission

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ROXBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 16, 2018 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: C. Haver, J. Huber, E. Lacy, G. Miller, W. Walker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 18 April meeting were accepted as submitted.

BUSINESS

New Member

D. Anthone has been appointed to the HDC. A package of materials about the HDC, the enabling ordinance, etc., has been sent to him. A new list of HDC members and their contact information will be distributed at the next meeting.

Preservation Ordinance

W. Walker had a meeting with B. Henry covering this and related issues. The Squire Homestead has been sold to R. Horrigan. W. Walker emphasized to B. Henry that this is exactly the situation that the Preservation Ordinance would cover: a historic house (in this case 1790) on the road on a large parcel that is in jeopardy. The house needs repair and, since the intent of the builder could be to concentrate the development on the interior lot, not on a restoration project, it could be demolished. There exist no legislative mechanisms to prevent this from happening. W. Walker will contact R. Horrigan to discuss.

The issue of residents of historic houses in need of repair with financial constraints was discussed. The ordinance would cover only repair needed to preserve the structure: roof and foundation repairs for example. The Go Fund concept may have come to be overused; B. Henry has raised money for residents who suffered a house fire. She mentioned the Conservation Commission which receives a percentage of tax revenue to purchase land for the town. However, B. Henry thought that this would not be supported by taxpayers for repairs to historic houses no matter how worthy.

The HDC must secure BOS approval before hiring G. McTaggart to write up an ordinance. W. Walker will attend the next BOS meeting and will call G. McTaggart for possible answers to some questions that B. Henry brought up.

Sustainable Ct. Program

W. Walker provided the requested information including the list of historic houses in the Survey book, proof of CLG status and other items.

Design Criteria

The revised DC is not yet posted on the website. J. Huber will talk to J. Hurlbut.

Historic Barns

The owners of the Nathan Beardsley barns responded to the HDC letter sent by C. Raymond. They explored repairing the ox barn but considered the cost prohibitive. A Roxbury resident has offered to move and restore the barn. The owners would require from the buyer a letter of intent to preserve the barn as a requisite. The matter has not yet been decided.

A letter has also been sent to the owner of the Ezekial Beardsley barn that has two holes in its roof and is rapidly deteriorating.

W. Walker reported that her schedule for the next year is in flux and she will report when it has been finalized.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgette Miller
Georgette Miller, Clerk

The next meeting of the HDC is:

Wednesday 20 June 7:30 pm Roxbury Town Hall