

Historic District Commission
Sherman, Connecticut



June 11, 2012

The **Historic District Commission Meeting** was called to order at 8:07 PM on June 11, 2012.

Present: Janet Hopkins, Chairman, James French, Betsy Scholze, Robin Szendy,
Helen Bray, Clerk

Guests: Clay Cope, Cynthia Osborne

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Cynthia Osborne was at the meeting applying for a C of A at 9 Route 37 Center for replacement of the north facing roof, over a covered porch which is damaged and leaking and must be replaced this summer. The remaining roof will be replaced at a later date. The roof will be changed from wood shingles to asphalt. The approval of a C of A would be for both roof replacements. Janet commented that when the HDC started the house that Cynthia now lives in had asphalt shingles.

Jim made a motion to approve a C of A for Cynthia Osborne to change the roofing materials from wood to asphalt shingles. Seconded by Betsy and so moved.

CLAY COPE ISSUES

Clay Cope was added to the agenda and started reviewing items on the agenda.

Revisit Playhouse Window Project – Clay suggested, once the STEAP grant is received for the bathrooms, doing both the windows and bathrooms at the same time. This was agreeable, the only concern Janet had was the possibility of losing the grant money for the windows while waiting for the grant for the bathrooms.

Clay had a copy of the Playhouse STEAP application draft for everything that is there. It was far more comprehensive than anything Clay has seen in his office before. It contained letter from Tim Simkins, exhibits, letter from Sherman Players, letters from area businesses commenting on the benefits of the Sherman Players to the IGA and the liquor store. There is an estimate from Beatty Construction for the cost to redo the septic, a letter about the cost of Charlie Reppenhagen's design. The only item missing is the C of A for the remodel.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR PLAYHOUSE BATHROOMS

Clay presented an application for a C of A to remodel the bathrooms at the playhouse. Commencement date, the winter of 2013 if STEAP grant funds are awarded. The septic will also be updated. The plans have been seen by the HDC. The only visual changes to the outside of the building will be a widening of the doors, everything else is interior.

Jim made a motion to approve the C of A for the renovation and bringing up to code the playhouse bathrooms. Jim requested a copy of the plans be given to the HDC. Seconded by Betsy and so moved.

Parking Space – Clay is concerned about the removal of the parking space in front of the town hall. He is concerned about the ground crumbling with the removal of the asphalt paving and would like to leave it alone. Jim disagreed saying that it would hold up as always. Jim was more concerned with the sidewalk deteriorating if left as is. Clay and Janet would like to explore this further and bring it back to the commission.

Railing at Old Town Hall – Clay has a verbal estimate for the railing work at the OTH for \$2400. Janet commented, do it. All agreed and the money was authorized.

Lamp Post - Due to the HDC budget cut Janet would like to know how they will repair the lamp post. Clay said that he would work on finding some way to pay for this. Janet was very upset that the HDC budget was cut and was sorry she missed the budget meeting and was unaware that this was happening. The budget was cut to \$700 which only provides for the clerk's salary.

Janet continued with the lamp post saying that she contacted Mark Audette, electrician. Mark said that if he could snake the conduit back to the store rather than the library his cost will be \$500. Janet found a locust pole at the Rhodes property. Mark is also recommending someone from New Fairfield that has a sculpture gallery and could work on the light fixture. He was forwarded pictures of the lamp post but Mark had not heard back from him yet. The lamp and pole would be taken down and Mark would dig up for the wiring. If this does not work the job will be very costly to dig up the road. Clay feels it is the town's responsibility to fund this project and he will look in to this and will talk to his business administrator and treasurer and get back to Janet and will plan to come to the next meeting.

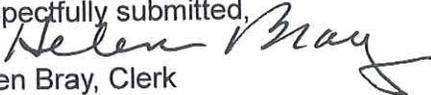
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Janet made a correction on the minutes dated May 14, 2012 on page 2. The last sentence of the **Lighting** first paragraph should be deleted. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 16, 2012 seconded by Betsy and so moved. Jim made a motion to approve, as amended, the minutes of May 14, 2012, seconded by Betsy and so moved.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON AUGUST 13, 2012

Respectfully submitted,


Helen Bray, Clerk
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