

Historic District Commission
Sherman, Connecticut



February 18, 2013

The Historic District Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM on February 18, 2013. The regularly scheduled meeting for February 11, 2013 was postponed to this date due to weather.

Present: Janet Hopkins, Chairman, James French, Robert Boone, Alice Schneckenburger, Betsy Scholze, Robin Szendy, Helen Bray, Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes dated December 10, 2013, seconded by Betsy, and so moved.

Janet had e-mailed a preliminary draft about several concerns that she would like to see addressed by the Board of Selectmen. A number of actions have been taken within the district by town agencies without permits from the HDC.

BUDGET

A major concern in this draft is the lamppost at the intersection of Saw Mill Road and Route 37 and will be a budget request. The lamppost needs considerable repair and restoration.

The post must be replaced. Robin has been in contact with the manager at Kathy Wriston's about a post that might be suitable. Jim also has a post that is chestnut and measures 5" at the top and 6" at the bottom. Janet will meet with Jim and Robin to look at both posts.

The sign should be cleaned but not to a polished finish. Bob is concerned it will be stolen. Robin commented that it would be very hard to remove. Jim thought it best not to sand off the rust as it will cause further rusting. He feels any kind of abrasive tool could spread the rust. Some kind of rust retardant would be a better way to conceal the rust.

Lamp, collar and framework around the lamp will have to be taken off and looked at. The glass will have to be replaced. Jim suggested the post not go in the ground, but put in a socket. It will be put in a concrete base.

Electric wiring will go up the outside in a carved out space. Bolts will be put in the socket to stabilize the post. Any post that is used will have to be seasoned.

Contractors will have to be used for some phases of repair, such as concrete work, placing new post and electrical work. The glass will be replaced.

Roughly estimated costs of each item that will be repaired or replaced were discussed and added up to close to \$4000. Janet suggested requesting the usual \$4000 for the budget plus \$700 for the clerk's salary.

Jim made a motion to request a budget in the amount of \$4700. Seconded by Betsy and so moved.

STONES FOR LIBRARY BARN

Janet had pictures of a mock up of the stones for the barn. Mason Lord wanted to hear the opinion of the HDC on the stones. Mason reported the library is on schedule and on budget.

There being no further business Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Betsy and so moved. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS IN ON APRIL 8, 2013

Respectfully submitted,


Helen Bray, Clerk
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