

Historic District Commission

Sherman, Connecticut

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes June 9, 2014

The **Historic District Commission Meeting** was called to order at 8:00 P.M on June 9, 2014.

Present: Janet Hopkins, Chairman, James French, Robert Boone, Joel Bruzinski,
Alice Schneckeburger, Helen Bray, Clerk

Guest: Clay Cope

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR SCULPTURE

Clay Cope attended this meeting and explained that Miriam Nelson, a resident of Sherman and artist wants to donate one of her sculptures to the town and have it placed in front of the town hall even though Clay had suggested several other locations. Clay presented pictures and pointed out that the sculptures were quite tall, as tall as himself. He asked the HDC to consider this. Janet had told Clay that this was a Board of Selectmen decision, it also should be presented to Park and Rec.

This first came up back in October. Janet would not like to issue a C of A without some town feed back on it, such as a public hearing.

The commissioners thought the sharp edges could be a danger to small children climbing on it. Clay agreed it could be dangerous and could consult with a risk management specialist. There is always litigation to consider.

Janet asked for comments from the commission:

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| Janet | Would like more input from the town and feels it is too large and will dominate the area. |
| Joel | Feels it is inappropriate to the area and it cannot be placed at the town hall. |
| Alice | It does not belong in front of the town hall. |
| Jim | In favor to place it over to the right where it would not be visible to any area but the town hall. |
| Bob | Is totally against this art form out in the pristine countryside much less in front of town hall. |

The big concern was the other artists expecting to display their work. Clay will speak to Mimi and thank her for her generosity.

PARKING SPACE

The 15 minute parking space was brought up and Janet commented this must be addressed. Jim pointed out that the state allows a \$250/day fine for work done without a permit. There is no C of A for this parking space and Jim will start pushing for it. It will be put on the agenda for the August meeting.

MEMBERSHIP ON THE TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

Janet received an e-mail from Bob Ostroskey asking for input on the creation of a town building committee. The letter was read into the record. Bob requested a person from each town commission to represent their group in the next round of discussion. Jim felt the formation of a permanent building committee is a good idea. Jim volunteered to represent the HDC on the Town Building committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Janet announced the playhouse windows are on and they are exquisite. The left over money could be used on the playhouse bathroom renovation, and/or the prarie window on the Old Town Hall. The scout house window has not yet been repaired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 14, 2014, seconded by Joel and so moved.

There being no further business Jim made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON AUGUST 11, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Bray, Clerk
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