

*Historic District Commission*  
*Sherman, Connecticut*



April 13, 2015

**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes April 13, 2015**

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The **Historic District Commission Meeting** was called to order at 8:01 PM on April 13, 2015.

Present: Janet Hopkins, Chairman, James French, Robert Boone, Joel Bruzinski, Marilyn Dwyer, Cynthia Osborne, Alice Schneckenburger, Betsy Scholze, Helen Bray, Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes dated February 10, 2015 seconded by Betsy and so moved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Introducing Fairfield County Preservation Network, committed to the preservation of cultural heritage of Fairfield county. For anyone interested in joining the cost is \$35 for individuals, \$50 for most organizations.

**BUDGET MEETING**

There was a final meeting on the budget tonight. Janet was at the meeting and got the final numbers that will be on the town web site. Jim commented that referendums have replaced the town meeting form of governing. The budget for the school is \$9,298,106. Budget for the town is \$5,104,012. Total budget for the school and town is \$14,402,118. A mil rate was not set at this time.

Janet managed to submit the \$8,000 for the playhouse for the cupola and gutters. Addison Havens had submitted a bid for \$8,000 but Janet was now told it will be put out to bid. Clay will be writing a Steep grant for the town hall projects.

Janet is concerned about the scout house and the possibility it could come down. Jim assured her it would not, although the building should be repaired to save it.

**FACILITIES MANAGER**

After the time spent looking for and hiring a facilities manager the HDC was very disappointed to no longer have someone to look after town buildings.

Joel commented that eliminating this position was penny wise and dollars foolish. The school pays half of the facilities manager's salary, and the town pays half. The school relies heavily on a facilities manager. There are projects at the school that must be finished and someone will have to oversee these projects. There will have to be a clerk of the works for the boiler project and the wash station.

Jim explained the lengthy process of hiring the most qualified person from the many applicants for this job.

The septic inspection was brought up but Joel thought a more important issue was the amount of salt and chloride in the well water in town. The large amounts of salt dumped on the roads all winter washes into the lake and adds to the pollution of the lake and the wells in town.

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

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON JUNE 8, 2015.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Helen Bray, Clerk  
Historic District Commission