

Historic District Commission
Sherman, Connecticut

Regular Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2015

The **Historic District Commission Meeting** was called to order at 804 PM on December 14, 2015.

Present: Janet Hopkins, Chairman, James French, Cynthia Osborne, Betsy Scholze,
Helen Bray, Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 19, 2015 seconded by Betsy and so moved.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-Mails – Janet E-mailed Clay Cope, following the October 19th meeting, to inform him first that Cynthia Osborne mentioned two of the town streetlights are out. Second – working with Trish Viola to complete a list of town owned buildings' maintenance activities over the years. The electrical systems should be inspected and Jim suggested the Fire Marshall should be contacted.

Also, Janet asked Clay to provide an assessment of the structural needs of the scout house and if the preservative was put below and at ground level of he lamp post. Janet wanted this information for the December meeting.

Also, the library budget plans for the protective windows.

Clay answered that the street lights were repaired and the driveway at the playhouse has begun with the grading of the driveway. Chip and seal will be done next year after it has "cured".

E-mail from Clay dated 12/14/15 requesting to move the Eagle Scout project (bench) to the next meeting. No up-date on the Gorky house.

CRABAPPLE TREE

The crabapple tree needs to be trimmed professionally. Janet asked Jim about the arborist he mentioned at another meeting. Betsy mentioned someone in Danbury that does this work.

BUILDINGS WITHIN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Janet had a list of building permits for buildings within the Historic District, obtained from the town hall building department. Mallory Town Hall needs the most attention.

Screening was being put around the air conditioning at the playhouse.

Janet would like to know how often the buildings should be painted in order to set up a schedule of which buildings should be painted each year.

Janet is very concerned about the appearance of the Playhouse. It needs painting. Some kind of plan should be set up to do this maintenance. Janet is very concerned about the cupola on the town hall and Jim had mentioned that the building needs a new roof. The two should be done together. Flashing on the cupola should be copper. This work should be on the upcoming budget.

Janet would like the electrical in all the buildings inspected on a regular schedule. Also, Trish said that the septic are pumped every two years but there does not seem to be records kept on this.

There being no further business Jim made a motion the adjourn, seconded by Betsy and so moved.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 8, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Bray, Clerk
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