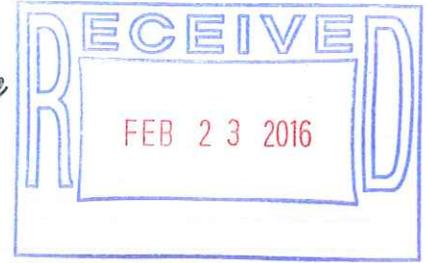


*Historic District Commission*  
*Sherman, Connecticut*



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes February 13, 2016

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The **Historic District Commission Meeting** was called to order at 2:10 PM on Saturday, February 13, 2016. The regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> was postponed due to weather.

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

Guest: Don Lowe, Selectman

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There were several e-mails from Clay and Janet regarding some of the town owned buildings and the budget. Janet had e-mailed copies of the correspondence to the commissioners.

Janet had several copies of *Connecticut Preservation News* and was particularly interested in the article on window restoration.

**BUDGET**

Someone should look at the structural integrity of the scout house, the screening around the air conditioner at the town hall, getting a cost estimate to paint the playhouse, the cupola on the town hall. These items should be given more attention.

Janet mentioned that someone hit the lamp post and it was damaged. It has been repaired.

The air conditioning unit at town hall has been screened.

**Playhouse** – Due to the concern about power washing a wooden clapboard surface because the pressure and moisture can lead to peeling problems, it was suggested to do a simple non-pressurized test wash to see if that would remove the mold. If it does not work a complete paint job would have to be done.

The trim is peeling and should be painted but this is in the town budget, not HDC. This should be done this year.

One of the down spouts on the gutters has pulled away but when an attempt was made to repair the down spout an adequate ladder could not be found

There are concerns with the insulation in the building. Janet did not think it should be in the HDC budget since the inside of buildings is not in the jurisdiction of the HDC. Betsy commented that there was no insulation inside of the playhouse and questioned the necessity of insulation since the playhouse is not used much during the winter months. Clay seems to think the insulation, if there is any, could be a fire hazard. Marilyn indicated she would speak to her husband, who is experienced in the use and installation of insulation. She will ask him to meet with Clay to review his concerns. It was also suggested the fire marshal should look at it.

**Scout House** – The commission would like a professional assessment of the structural integrity of the building. Primary concern is the visual evidence of bowing on an exterior wall and whether it has caused structural weakening and what are the remedies. The commission is asking for inclusion in its budget for 2016/17.

Jim commented that if the commission wants a professional analysis of this building it should be paid for. Mason Lord has been suggested.

**Mallory Town Hall** – Janet did not remember the dollar amount that was given last year, but the cupola should be repaired. Also the roof area on which it sits.

Janet will write up the budget concerns that were discussed at this meeting and e-mail the commissioners a copy.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

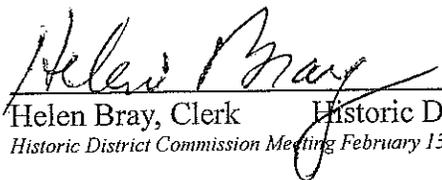
Betsy made a correction to the minutes dated December 14, 2015. On page 2 – *Screening was being put around the air conditioning at the playhouse.* Playhouse should be changed to town hall. Betsy then made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Jim and so moved.

Mason Lord will be asked to give a price for a professional assessment of the scout house.

There being no further business Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Betsy and so moved.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON APRIL 11, 2016**

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Bray, Clerk      Historic District Commission  
Historic District Commission Meeting February 13, 2016