

SHERMAN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2017, 8:00 pm
Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: Chair, J. Hopkins, C. Osborne, J. Bruzinski, J. French, B. Scholze, and M. Dwyer

Members Absent: R. Boone and J. Desiato

Invited: John Taylor, perspective new member.

Also: Interim Clerk, Christine Branson

Call to Order: Chair J. Hopkins Called the Meeting to Order at 8:03 pm

Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2016:

J. French Moved to Approve the Minutes of December 12, 2016
as written.

Seconded by: B. Scholze

Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence:

Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness- Town of Sherman- First Selectman C. Cope submitted an application for the repairs done on the cupola of Mallory Town Hall.

ZEO R. Cooper- Email correspondence in reference to drawing attention to several State of CT DOT signs along Route 37 Center, a pile of old gutters on the ground at the Scout House, graffiti on the lp tank at the Scout House, damage to the downspout on the playhouse, and the need to paint the spires at the top of the playhouse ,repairs needed to the garbage receptacle at the playhouse, photos attached.

Mason Lord- bid in the amount of \$2,100.00 for replacement of 3 windows and a transom at the playhouse and replace a prarie window at Old Town Hall.

Old Business:

The Commission discussed the Certificate of Appropriateness request from Mr. Cope for the repairs to the cupola. The work was completed in the Summer. The Commission agreed that the request to change material from wood to pvc would be acceptable.

J. French Moved to Approve the First Selectman's request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for repairs done to the cupola at Mallory Town Hall.

Seconded by: B. Scholze

Vote: For: Unanimous

Proposed 2017-2018 FY Budget Request:

The Commission discussed the cost of replacement windows proposed at \$ 2,100.00 and the amount for the Clerk at \$ 700.00, plus the amount of \$ 300.00 in case a Legal Advertisement is needed, totaling in the amount of \$3,100.00.

J. French Moved to Approve the FY 2017-18 Proposed Historic District Budget Request in the amount of \$ 3,100.00.

Seconded by: B. Scholze

Vote: For: Unanimous

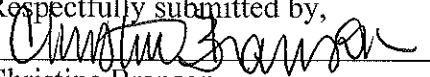
New Business:

The Commission discussed requesting the Scouts re-paint the lp tank as a project, once the weather gets warmer. Discussion then moved to the bright reflective signs that were recently posted along the road side near the library on Route 37 Center. The Commission agreed the signs are very distracting. Chair Hopkins stated she would write a letter to the First Selectman and DoT requesting if anything could be done to reduce the number of signs. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the safety in general with in the cross walks at the School, and library/ Old Town Hall. The speed in which drivers travel through the center of town is concerning. There was discussion regarding the request to have the Trooper posted in the early morning hours at the school or Old Store along with a school crossing guard on weekdays. Chair Hopkins stated she would draft a letter to recommend the request to post a Trooper to the BoS. The Commission also discussed placing rumble strips along the road horizontally to alert drivers of the crosswalks. Commissioner Dwyer shared concern regarding the flow of traffic around the playhouse and the possibility of placing signs to move traffic in only one direction around the back for safety. Mrs. Hopkins introduced John Taylor as an interested party to join the Commission in the capacity of Chair when she steps down.

Adjournment:

J. French Adjourned the Meeting at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Christine Branson

February 20, 2017