



Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

01/17/2023

Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Peggy Adler called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
2. **Members Present:** Peggy Adler, Maureen Wellman, Rich Geer, Mark Giaconia, John Clinton, Barbara Gibson
Absent: Dennis Parker
3. **Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant:** Barbara Gibson seated for Dennis Parker
4. **Visitors/Public Comment:** none
5. **Approval of Minutes: 11/15/2022:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Maureen Wellman, seconded by Rich Geer and unanimously approved.
6. **Election of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair:**
Maureen Wellman read a statement in support of her wish to run for Chairman.
Nominations:
 - > Maureen Wellman nominated herself for Chairman. Barbara Gibson seconded her nomination
 - > Jake Clinton nominated Peggy Adler for Chairman, seconded by Mark Giaconia.
 - > **Vote:** The clerk called for a vote for Maureen Wellman as Chairman: Maureen voted for herself. All other members abstained.
 - > The clerk called a vote for Peggy Adler for Chairman: Jake Clinton, Rich Geer, Mark Gianconia and Barbara Gibson voted in favor of Peggy. Maureen Wellman voted "no".
 - > Thus, Peggy was elected to serve another year as Chairman.

- > **Vice Chairman: Jake Clinton nominated Maureen Wellman as Vice Chairman. Maureen Wellman declined the nomination.**
- > **Barbara Gibson nominated Jake Clinton to run as Vice Chairman and Rich Geer seconded the nomination.**
- > **Vote: The clerk called for a vote for Jake Clinton as Vice Chairman. The vote in favor of Jake continuing as Vice Chair was unanimous.**

7. Correspondence: none

8. Status of some of Clinton’s Historic Buildings/Properties of Concern to HDC:

- a. 92 East Main (Kelsey House) – no new info
- b. 101 East Main – Blight cleaned up; house deteriorating
- c. 159 East Main (1720 House) – property is being developed, kiosk and building repairs are well suited to the site.
- d. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – No new info
- e. 69 Waterside Lane – this property has been sold, there is report that the new owner has given renters a 30 day notice that lease will be terminated.

9. HDC Certificate of Recognition for Historic Property Restoration Program:

A. Criteria: Must have been in a state of deterioration or inappropriate modernization and then restored;

B. Already Selected/Recognized:

- 109 East Main Street (FY 2021 -2022)
- 148 Old Post Road (FY 2021 -2022)
- 5 Liberty Street (FY 2021 – 2022)
- 44 Waterside Lane (FY 2021 – 2022)

C. Potential Candidates:

- 17 Waterside Lane (Kabe’s house) (for consideration FY 2022/23)
- 63 East Main (Stanton House - for consideration when completed)
- 92 East Main (Josiah Kelsey House – for consideration when completed)
- 125 East Main (for consideration when completed)
- 129 East Main (for consideration when completed)
- 63 Pratt Road (for consideration when completed)
- 142 Commerce Street (for consideration when completed)

Honorable Mention for restorations that use modern materials, such as vinyl siding. Recognition in the press, but no photo hung on the wall at Andrews. Perhaps this might encourage more folks to repair/restore their antique property. Two current examples are 151 East Main and the former multi-color house.

- 151 East Main (press releases w/photo in “Clinton Events”)

- 159 East Main (possibly for consideration when finished) □ 138 East Main (for consideration when finished)

10. Expand the LGHD by adding 18 Liberty Street. (nothing new expected until 2023+)

11. Clinton Historic District Signage (Update):

> CLFRF/ARPA Funding Requests: Second round still to be decided by Town Council

12. Commerce Street/Leffingwell as a National Register District: consultant's work ongoing.

13. "Clinton Events" (4th quarter – 151 East Main, Honorable Mention)

14. Old Business:

- Decorated Street Utility Boxes:

https://www.google.com/search?q=decorated+street+utility+boxes&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjg7J_TgPn5AhVuAzQIHavOCSYQ_AUoAXoECAEQAw&biw=1366&bih=625&dpr=1

15. New Business: Peggy suggested that HDC consider proposing to P&Z the establishment Waterside Lane as a Village District. It was decided to table this for discussion at HDC's February meeting.

16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Jake Clinton, seconded by Rich Geer, unanimously approved.

Chairman Peggy Adler adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara Gibson

Clerk and Alternate Member