



Historic District Commission

Minutes

02/21/2023

Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

1. Chairman Peggy Adler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Terry Clark, HDC's newest member was introduced.
3. **Members Present:** Dennis Parker, Terry Clark, Maureen Wellman, Rich Geer and Peggy Adler. **Absent:** Jake Clinton and Mark Giacona
4. **Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant:** Terry Clark was seated for Mark.
4. **Visitors/Public Comment:** None
5. **Approval of Minutes:** The 01/17/2023 minutes were approved as written on a motion by Dennis and second by Maureen. Dennis, Rich, Maureen and Peggy voted to approve the motion. Terry abstained since he had not been at the January meeting.
6. **Correspondence:** A handwritten note was received at Town Hall from a resident of Commerce Street ... asking what happened at the November meeting with Jenny Schofield of SHPO. The person who wrote the note did not provide a telephone number or e-mail address for a reply.
7. A motion was made by Dennis that HDC go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting per CGS 1-200(6)(B) for an update. The motion was seconded by Terry and passed unanimously.

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) – Update
- d. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – No new info
- e. 69 Waterside Lane – Update > Peggy gave an update about the new owner of the property and the eviction notices that were given to two of the cottage tenants. Maureen stated that she does not want this address to be on HDC's agenda anymore. No vote was taken on her comment.

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 (Cited in 2022)
- 159 East Main (for consideration when finished)
- **138 East Main:** This building has received its CO and so a motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Maureen for 138 East Main to be HDC's 2nd Honorable mention. The motion passed unanimously. Time permitting, Rich will take a photo of the building for a press release.

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"

14. Old Business:

- **Update on Submission of HDCs Preservation Restoration Program to Preservation CT's competition:** The winner of the competition will be announced in March. If HDC wins, Peggy will notify the other commission members.
- **Decorated Street Utility Boxes:** Peggy told those present that the utility boxes on Liberty Green belong to Frontier, but that it has been impossible, so far, to get a corporate telephone number for the company whose HQ is in Norwalk, CT. Terry said that he might be able to get a corporate number for Frontier.
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: HDC join Preservation Connecticut annually: Maureen suggested we wait and see how we like our 2023 membership. All agreed and a decision on annual membership was tabled.

16. Executive Session per CGS 1-200(6)(B): Dennis moved that HDC go into Executive session at 7:15pm. The motion was seconded by Terry. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:16pm.

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm on a motion by Terry, which was seconded by Rich and was unanimously approved.