



**Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
03/16/2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:** Peggy Adler, Vice Chairman; Maureen Wellman, HDC Member; Dennis Parker, HDC Member;; Laura Reynolds, HDC Member; Jake Clinton, HDC Member; Gloria McQueeney, Clerk

**Absent:** Gary Bango, HDC Member; Rich Geer, HDC Member

**Visitors/ Public Comment:** None

**Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant:** Laura Reynolds seated for Gary Bango, Jake Clinton seated for Rich Geer

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Adler, Vice Chairman, at 7:01p.m.

**2. Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant; have the HDC members introduce themselves**

Laura Reynolds seated for Gary Bango, Jake Clinton seated for Rich Geer

**3. Visitors/Public Comment:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes:** 02/16/2021

The minutes for 2/16/2021 meeting were tabled until next meeting April 20, 2021.

**5. Correspondence:** Vice chair Adler had follow-up correspondence with the Town Manager regarding 7 Liberty Street's fence. The issue will be discussed and voted upon during the meeting.

**6. Update of Current HDC Areas of Concern:**

a. 7 Liberty Street Fence (Update)

After a brief discussion Jake Clinton **moved** to give Karl Kilduff, Town Manager, another month to follow up with the Town Counsel regarding the Town of Clinton moving forward to enforce the penalty as delineated in Section 320-8 of the Liberty Green Historic District's Ordinance, as well as Section 7-147h of the Connecticut General Statutes against 7 Liberty Street for willful actions of the property owner to avoid

compliance. The motion was **seconded** by Laura Reynolds and with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. 7 Liberty Street Chimney Cap: Tabled
- c. Clinton Historic District Signage Possibilities (Update)  
<https://chs.org/opportunities/legends-lore-roadside-marker-program/>  
Peggy Adler spoke with John Allen, Chairman of the Clinton's Economic Development Commission, regarding historic markers for the Town through the Legends and Lore marker's grant program and on State roads through the State's Bureau of Tourism. John Allen likes the idea, which would promote Clinton as a tourist destination.

**7. Status of some of Clinton's Historic Buildings/Properties of Concern to HDC:**

- a. 151 East Main (Dowd House) – Update  
The State Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously at their hearing on March 3, 2021, to forward the request to save the "Dowd" house at 151 East Main Street from demolition to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. On March 8, 2021, the Clinton P&Z Commission extended the hold on the demolition for 90 days or until the report is received from the Attorney General's Office, whichever comes first.
- b. 92 East Main (Kelsey House) – No new information
- c. 159 East Main (1720 House) – Update  
Building, which is in serious disrepair, was supposed to have been renovated as a prerequisite for the certificate of occupancy for the condominiums built on the site of 161 East Main. The building, including the addition at its rear, is nothing but an empty shell.
- d. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – No new information
- e. 22 High Street (Munger House) – No new information

**8. HDC Certificate of Recognition for Restoration Program:**

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

**B. Potential Candidates:**

- i) Mill District School (Glenwood Road)
- ii) Academy Building (EMVD)
- iii) 125 East Main (EMVD)
- iv) 68 East Main (Milestone House)
- v) 148 Old Post Road (Flynn House)
- vi) 5 Liberty Street (LGHD)
- vii) 92 East Main (when completed)
- viii) 63 Pratt Road (when completed)

The Commission reviewed a draft certificate and decided that a more appropriate design would be needed. P. Adler noted that there were good examples hanging on the second floor at the Old Saybrook Town Hall and suggested that HDC's members go there and see them.

**9. Status of Recommendations of Individual Properties for National Register of Historic Places that are Not in a National Register District:**

- a) Mill District School (Glenwood Road) – Awaiting new info
- b) Cow Hill School – Awaiting new info
- c) Pallenberg Complex @ 15 North High – Awaiting new info
- d) 63 Pratt Road – Awaiting new info

There is nothing new to report. P. Adler stated that it could be as long as 5-10 years before the State approves.

**10. 18 Liberty Street**

Approach the property owner of 18 Liberty Street about becoming part of the Liberty Green Historic District. P. Adler will write a letter to the owners.

**11. Elect Chairman & Vice Chairman for 2021**

J. Clinton **moved** to elect Peggy Adler as Chairman. Maureen Wellman **seconded**. P. Adler abstained from voting. The motion carried.

J. Clinton **moved** to delay the election of a Vice Chairman until the next meeting in one month. M. Wellman **seconded** and the motion was approved unanimously.

**12. Adjournment**

Laura Reynolds **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., J. Clinton **seconded** and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria McQueeney  
Clerk, Historic District Commission