



Historic District Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

04/20/2021

Via Zoom

Attendees: Peggy Adler, Chairman; Maureen Wellman; Dennis Parker; Jake Clinton; Rich Geer

Absent: Gary Bango; Laura Reynolds

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Peggy Adler, Chair.
2. **Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant:** Jake Clinton seated for Gary Bango
3. **Visitors/Public Comment:** Paul Alter, Visitor

4. **Approval of Minutes:** 02/16/2021 & 03/16/2021
Jake Clinton **moved** to approve the February minutes as submitted. The motion was **seconded** by Rich Geer and the minutes were approved.
Jake Clinton **moved** to approve the March minutes as submitted. The motion was **seconded** by Dennis Parker and the minutes were approved.

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Update of Current HDC Areas of Concern:**
 - a. 7 Liberty Street Fence (Tabled pending update from Town Counsel)
 - b. 7 Liberty Street Chimney Cap (table for now)
 - c. Clinton Historic District Signage Possibilities (Update)
<https://chs.org/opportunities/legends-lore-roadside-marker-program/>

P. Adler said that John Allen, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission stated that the Historic District Commission should take this up on their own, although he was in favor of the idea. P. Adler then asked for a volunteer to work with her on the signage for historic districts and Jake Clinton volunteered.

7. **Status of some of Clinton's Historic Buildings/Properties of Concern to HDC:**
 - a. 151 East Main (Dowd House) – Update
If the developer does not approve of an alternative plan to save the building by April 30th, an injunction will be filed.

- 92 East Main (Kelsey House) – Update
 - New window has been installed and the old staircase was removed. New staircase is awaiting approval from the Building Official.
- b. 159 East Main (1720 House) – Update
 - P. Adler stated that Alan Kravitz and she will follow up on the 1720 House.
- c. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – No new info
- d. Waterside Lane – New Construction
 - The new construction on Waterside Lane will be a single family house of colonial style.
- e. Chains Needed at Statue & Canon on Liberty Green (see pix)
 - P. Adler spoke with Karl Kilduff, Town Manager, regarding chains for the statute and the canon.
- f. Ask the town to clean up the area between the sidewalk and the woods at Liberty Street Southbound – between 6 Liberty and 18 Liberty. This is Town property.
 - P. Adler spoke with Town Manager regarding cleanup of this area. Karl Kilduff said he would contact DPW.

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:

- Mill District School (Glenwood Road)
- 125 East Main
- 68 East Main (Milestone House)
- 148 Old Post Road (Flynn House)
- 5 Liberty Street (LGHD - built in 1725)
- 92 East Main (when completed)
- 129 East Main (when completed)
- 63 Pratt Road (when completed)

Restoration Recognition: The estimated price, with courtesy discount and no tax (as these would be for a municipality) is \$75 each. Currently there are only five properties that would qualify (Mill District School on Glenwood Road; 86 East Main; 125 East Main; 148 Old Post Road (the Flynn House and 5 Liberty Street.). In years to come, there is the possibility of three more – as each restoration is complete. Here and there, the framework might have two, 5x7 photos rather than the one 8x10, if the restoration is very dramatic. Recognition would be done individually, not all at once, with one in each of the following months: July, September, November in 2021 and January & March, 2022. Each framing would hang on a designated restoration wall at Andrews Memorial Town Hall and the restorer would get a certificate, which could easily be printed out of a computer at no cost to the town. The consensus of the Commissioners -- unanimously in favor.

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

10. Expand the LGHD by adding 18 Liberty Street. (update)

P. Adler was able to reach the owner of this property who stated that her son and daughter-in-law will be moving into the house. The owner stated she will discuss this with her son and will get back to P. Adler.

11. Elect Vice Chairman for 2021

Jake Clinton volunteered to fill the position of Vice Chairman.

12. Adjournment

J. Clinton **moved** to adjourn the meeting, it was **seconded** by R. Geer and approved. The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria McQueeney
Clerk, Historic District Commission