



Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

05/16/2023

Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

- **Call to Order:** Chairman Peggy Adler called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
- **Members Present:** Peggy Adler, Maureen Wellman, Rich Geer, Barbara Gibson
Absent: Dennis Parker, Mark Giaconia, Terry Clark and Jake Clinton.
- **Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant:** Barbara Gibson seated for Dennis Parker
- **Visitors/Public Comment:** none
- **Approval of Minutes: 04/18/2023:** Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Rich Geer, Seconded by Barbara Gibson, unanimously approved.
- **Correspondence:** correspondence received will be reviewed in executive session.
- **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 – Fence in process of being repaired
 - c. 159 East Main (1720 House) – landscaping and parking area completed.
 - d. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – Post Expo Update: no new information on plans to improve porch on front of the house, fence repairs remain incomplete.
 - e. 69 Waterside Lane – No new info
- **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) > SOLD 2/6/2023
- 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)
- 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)
- 159 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)
- 138 East Main (cited in 2023)

- **Expand the LGHD by adding 18 Liberty Street.** (nothing new expected until 2023+)
- **Clinton Historic District Signage (Update):**
> CLFRF/ARPA Funding Requests: Second round approved by Town Council 5/4; public hearing next, then town meeting; followed by disbursement of funds.
- **Commerce Street as a National Register District:** consultant submitted draft report on April 1st; update. SHPO is gathering all comments on draft to solidify final report.
- **“Clinton Events” (2th quarter – 138 East Main, Honorable Mention)** due out in May.

Old Business:

- > **Utility Boxes In Historic Districts:** Cannot paint; can plant vegetation.
- > **151 East Main Street:** property is in poor state of maintenance, review status at HDC's next meeting; will be added to list of properties to watch.
- > **3 Liberty Street:** vacant since September 2022; will be added to list of properties to watch.
- > **109 East Main Street:** new antique dealer; opening for business 5/18.
- > **22 High Street:** will be added to list of properties to watch.

- **New Business:** none
- **Executive Session per CGS 1-200(6)(B) :** Motion to move to Executive Session made by Barbara Gibson, seconded by Rich Geer, unanimously approved. Executive Session started @ 7:30 pm. Executive Session ended at 7:43 pm.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn make by Rich Geer, seconded by Barbara Gibson, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Peggy Adler at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Barbara Gibson
Clerk, Alternate Member