



Historic District Commission

Meeting

08/17/2021

Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

1. **Chairperson Peggy Adler called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.**
2. **New Commission member Barbara Gibson was introduced.**
3. **Members Present/Absent:**
Present: Peggy Adler, Barbara Gibson, Rich Geer, Dennis Parker, Maureen Wellman and Jake Clinton
Absent: Eliot Keating
4. **Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant:** Adler seated Vice Chair Jake Clinton for Eliot Keating.
5. **Visitors/Public Comment** No Visitors
6. **Approval of Minutes of 06/18/2021:** Motion to approve by Jake Clinton; seconded by Rich Geer.
7 Ayes, 0 No
7. **Correspondence:** None to Report

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

- a. 151 East Main (Dowd House) – HDC Letter Worked; Yard is being maintained
- b. 92 East Main (Kelsey House) – Carol Capirchio, is the owner. Second floor now under renovation; and staircase is in.
- c. 159 East Main (1720 House) – No new info
- d. 3 Liberty Street – Tess Taft Edge & Allen Edge, sale pending, slated to close late this afternoon. They are also the owners of the property at 63 Pratt Road in Clinton which is under restoration.
- e. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – No new info
- f. Waterside Lane – New Construction -- Projected for completion, Spring of 2022
- g. Chains Needed at Statue & Canon on Liberty Green – Peggy Adler will e mail Public Works about this.
- h. 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. Town is now mowing and maintaining.

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

(Select the 1st property to be property to be recognized; presentation in July 2021)

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

10. Potential Candidates: General Discussion of why each location is on the nomination list and why the order. B. Gibson inquired whether they all could be honored at the same time. Doing them individually will hopefully promote more awareness. Matted & framed photos will be placed on a wall in Town Hall and a certificate of recognition given to each property owner. Motion to honor 109 East Main first, made by Rich Geer/Denis Parker, seconded.

6 Ayes; 1 No (Wellman)

- 109 East Main: Replaced dilapidated/rotted porch & repaired crumbling chimney (4/2021)
- 148 Old Post Road (Flynn House)
- 5 Liberty Street (LGHD & built in 1725); interior destroyed by fire in 1993; restored in 2001-2002.
- 63 East Main (Stanton House - when completed)
- 68 East Main (Milestone House - when completed)
- 92 East Main (when completed)
- 125 East Main (when completed)
- 129 East Main (when completed)
- 63 Pratt Road (when completed)

11. Status of Recommendations of Individual Properties for National Register of Historic Places that are

Not in a National Register District: (Basic Info Update presented by Peggy Adler)

- a) Pallenberg Complex @ 15 North High – brief history of the Bears trained in the Barn and Grant information; to be paired with 63 Pratt Road when Commerce Street/Leffingwell is complete.
- b) 63 Pratt Road – To be paired with the Pallenberg Complex when Commerce Street/Leffingwell is complete.
- c) Mill District School – Due to addition in the rear, cannot be recognized as a stand-alone National Register Property.
- d) Cow Hill School – No new info

12. Expand the LGHD by adding 18 Liberty Street. (nothing new expected until 2022+)

13. Clinton Historic District Signage Possibilities: Needed is a Commission member to volunteer to look into this at the CT Department of Tourism.

<https://chs.org/opportunities/legends-lore-roadside-marker-program/>

14. Making Commerce Street/Leffingwell a National Register District. Adler explained the process, earlier in the meeting, including available grant information.

15. “Clinton Events” Commission members received a copy to review before publishing deadline.

16. At 7:35 P.M., Chairman Adler Recused herself and exited Zoom/the meeting entirely; Vice Chairman Jake Clinton assumed the chair.

17. The remainder of the Commissioners present went into Executive Session Pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6)(B) – Pending Claims. They came out of Executive Session at 8:14 P.M.

18. Adjournment was at 8:15P.M on a Motion by Rich Geer, Second by Dennis Parker, Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted

by

Jake Clinton

Vice Chairman

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