



Historic District Commission

Minutes

09/21/2021

Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

1. Chairman Peggy Adler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. **Members Present** were: Peggy Adler, Jake Clinton, Rich Geer, Maureen Wellman, Dennis Parker and Barbara Gibson.
Member absent was: Eliot Keating
3. Chairman Adler seated Vice Chairman Jake Clinton for Eliot Keating.
4. **Visitors/Public Comment:** None
5. **The minutes of 08/17/2021** were unanimously approved with a motion by Jake Clinton and a second by Rich Geer.
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **Status of some of Clinton's Historic Buildings/Properties of Concern to HDC:**
 - a. 151 East Main (Dowd House) – The grass is now being mowed periodically
 - b. 92 East Main (Kelsey House) – The second floor continues being restored.
 - c. 159 East Main (1720 House) – Currently up for sale; HDC members were briefed on its deteriorated condition and discrepancies between the mls listing/the field card information/and reality; Chairman Adler plans to send a letter to P&Z, as a private citizen, not as a member of HDC, with a synopsis of the property's history from 2003 to the present.
 - d. 3 Liberty Street – Sold to the same folks who are restoring 63 Pratt Road.
 - e. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – No new information

- f. Waterside Lane – New house construction: HDC member Maureen Wellman said that construction has been paused for now as windows and wood are not currently available.
- g. Chains at Statue & Canon on Liberty Green – DPW has purchased and installed the chains.

8. 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. Selected to be Recognized:

- 109 East Main: Currently being matted and framed. Photo of the property was taken by HDC member Rich Geer.

C. Potential Candidates:

> 44 Waterside Lane & 17 Waterside Lane were added to the list. Members of the HDC were asked to go look at 44 Waterside and 148 Old Post Road to decide which one they want to select for the second property to be recognized.

- 148 Old Post Road (George Flynn House: previous to restoration, had no indoor plumbing, running water or electricity)
- 5 Liberty Street (LGHD & built in 1725); interior destroyed by fire in 1993; holes in roof; covered with a shredded blue tarp for almost ten years; restored in 2001-2002.
- 63 East Main (Stanton House - when completed)
- 68 East Main (Milestone House - when completed)
- 92 East Main (Josiah Kelsey House - when completed)
- 125 East Main (when completed)
- 129 East Main (when completed)
- 63 Pratt Road (when completed)

9. Status of Recommendations of Individual Properties

for National Register of Historic Places that are not in a National Register District: A grant for the three following properties will be applied for following completion and acceptance of Commerce/Leffingwell as a district.

- a) Pallenberg Complex @ 15 North High – Update
- b) 63 Pratt Road – Update
- c) Cow Hill School – Update

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

11. Clinton Historic District Signage Possibilities (Update):
 - a) Former B&B granite sign post at Liberty Street & Route 1: The new owners of 3 Liberty Street have agreed to allow the 7' granite sign post to be used for a 3'x2' sign which will read, "CLINTON VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT, National Register of Historic Places, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service.
 - b) LGHD Sign on leaning post on Liberty Green: Gary Bousquet has offered to buy a granite post to replace the old, wooden one that is leaning and it will be installed by DPW.

12. **Commerce Street/Leffingwell as a National Register District.** Chairman Adler and Town Manager Karl Kilduff are working on the grant application.

13. **"Clinton Events"** (nothing until next quarterly issue)

14. At 7:35pm , Chairman Adler left the meeting and Zoom altogether, assigning Vice Chairman Jake Clinton as Zoom host and he and the remaining commissioners went into **Executive Session Pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6)(B) – Pending Claims**

15. The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 7:45pm and the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Maureen Wellman and second by Barbara Gibson.

Respectfully Submitted
by
Jake Clinton
Vice Chairman
Historic District Commission