

Historic Preservation Commission  
Town of East Windsor  
11 Rye Street, East Windsor, CT 06016

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting conducted at 11 Rye Street, East Windsor, CT 06016.

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Barbara Smigiel, Scott Morgan, and Karla Bagdikian

Members Absent: Paul Scannel and Kirk Montstream

Others: Selectman Jim Richards

Chairperson Barbara Smigiel called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

**I. Establish a Quorum**

A quorum was established.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

**III. Correspondence**

- National Preservation Institute 2013-2014 seminar pamphlet
- Preservation Magazine
- American Association for State and Local History letter and pamphlet
- Society for Architectural Historians letter and pamphlet
- National Trust for Historic Preservation: Membership materials
- CT Trust for Historic Preservation: Membership reminder letter
- CT Trust for Historic Preservation: Membership "Thank you" letter

#### **IV. Public Participation**

Recording Secretary Jessica Bottomley shared an idea for a project plan pertaining to the District 12 Schoolhouse. This plan is to be presented at the next commission meeting.

#### **V. Added Agenda Items**

There were no added Agenda items.

#### **VI. Old Business**

- a. **District 12 Schoolhouse:** Scott Morgan stated that since Boy Scout Thimm completed his landscaping project at the property, the town has not maintained the property and it is overgrown.

It was MOVED (Morgan) and SECONDED (Bagdikian) and PASSED (U) that the meeting return to previous agenda item IV (Public Participation) so that Jessica Bottomley may address the commission in regards to the District 12 Schoolhouse.

- b. **Melrose Historic District:** The remaining money for the sign has been sent to the sign maker and will proceed with the creation of the sign when given a date to do so by the commission. This date will be determined after Kirk Montstream proposes the commission's plans for erecting the sign to the Planning and Zoning Board. Barbara Smigiel stated that she has confirmed a donation for the sign posts from an anonymous individual.

In a continuation of this discussion on historic districts, Barbara Smigiel discussed her attendance at the Plan for Conservation and Development workshop held at the Scout Hall on September 11, 2013. The findings of a recent town survey were discussed and it was noted that individuals cited historic preservation as a priority they saw for the town. Barbara Smigiel also distributed copies of the following newspaper articles: Grants Help Fill Missing Chapter In History (The Hartford Courant, May 26, 2013), Stafford Historical Society To Dedicate Schoolhouse (Journal Inquirer), School of Thought (Preservation Magazine, Summer 2013), Long Shut Schoolhouse Reopens (Journal Inquirer, August 20, 2013), Old Barn To Shed New Light On History (The Hartford Courant, September 6, 2013), Plan Meets Resistance (The Hartford Courant), Repairs to Historic Bridge Complete (The Hartford Courant), and Historic House In Need (The Hartford Courant). It

was stated the Historic Preservation Commission would be asked to present information to the public about preservation plans in town and that it would be a multi-person effort. A driving tour to bolster public support of town historic interests was discussed. At the next commission meeting, sites for a driving tour will be discussed and chosen. Recording Secretary Jessica Bottomley will send a press release asking for town resident input on what they believe to be sites of historic interest. The East Windsor Historical Society will be contacted to determine if they would like to assist in this event. A letter to other town groups and organizations will be drafted at the next commission meeting.

**V. Adjournment**

It was MOVED (Morgan) and SECONDED (Bagdikian) and PASSED (U) that the Historic Preservation Commission adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 PM.