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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2011  
REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Commission members present were exalted Chairman Ken Feder, Betty Woollacott, Dianne Mead, J. Paul Lanza and David Freitas, who joined the meeting in progress. Chairman Feder called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Also in attendance were Lynn Charest, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Janis Prifti, Commission Clerk, and other interested parties.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Paul Lanza was appointed to serve as an alternate for Denise Alfeld.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 1, 2011

Commissioner Woollacott made a motion to approve the September 1, 2011, minutes as written. Commissioner Mead seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

IV. INFORMAL PRESENTATION by Brian Kowalchik, Contractor, Douglas Merrifield, Owner, requesting guidance from the Historic District commission for completing front stoop on property located at 30 East Weatogue Street.

Mr. Kowalchik stated his purpose was to find out what would be acceptable to the Board in replacing the stoop. The Commissioners stated the procedure would be for him to come in with a plan and drawing of what is proposed in order for them to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Woollacott said that lattice work is not appropriate for the house and that solid would be preferable and that the steps should be in the front not on the side of the building. Commissioner Lanza suggested putting vertical pieces on the side and using flat railings with square ballusters and provided information about staining and colors. The Commissioners agreed it would be more typical and historically accurate for the stoop to be in the front. Chairman Feder asked Mr. Kowalchik to bring

them a plan and drawings as discussed this evening so that a Certificate of Appropriateness can be issued. Mr. Kowalchik stated he would get that information to Lynn Charest by the end of next week and return for next month's meeting.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Possible changes to the Historic District Commission Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness

Chairman Feder stated the COA should be more specific regarding what to request from applicants. The Commissioners agreed the language on the Application should be changed to "Also site plans, elevations and photographs will be helpful and are required." They also agreed that checkboxes should be added to the COA. Lynn Charest said she would have the form ready for the next meeting and put it on the agenda.

Commissioner Lanza stated he rebuilt, repaired and repainted the old Terry's Plain sign that Commissioner Woollacott had in her garage. While he painted in the letters on one side, he said the other side of the sign is an appliqué and Alan Peterson of West Simsbury is performing that work in his East Granby shop - A.D. Embroidery, and he wants to donate it to the Town. Mr. Peterson will give it to the Commission when it is finished. Chairman Feder stated the Commission would send him an official thank you.

Lynn Charest provided an update on the grant submission stating that Council recommended approval but it is now with the Department of Economic and Community Development.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mead made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Freitas seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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Dr. Ken Feder, Chairman

