



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Historic District Commission

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ROXBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 20, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: C. Haver, J. Huber, M. Jonker, E. Lacy, G. Miller, C. Raymond, W. Walker; M. Olivieri

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – December 16, 2015

The minutes of the 16 December meeting were accepted with the following corrections: “most agreed” and “Zoning complaint”.

BUSINESS

Leavenworth Barns

M. Olivieri, construction manager for the project, outlined the plans for the barn complex. Although the HDC does not have jurisdiction, M. Olivieri wanted the HDC to review the plans, since the commission is committed to saving the town’s barns. The barns were part of the property of the now demolished Italianate farmhouse. No structures will be torn down but rebuilt instead. In 2008, a variance was granted to reconstruct a big gambrel roof barn that had burned down. The small barn on Painter Hill Road will be restored. The dairy barn will be disassembled, rebuilt, and except for the re-siting of windows and doors, will look as it does now. E. Lacy noticed on the plans a space between the reconstructed barn and dairy barn. M. Olivieri stated that it is a Zoning requirement for the reconstruction of the gambrel barn on its original footprint.

Attached to this dairy barn will be a modern structure for agricultural use: cider, fruit processing, chickens, mushrooms, herbs. A silo will be attached to the dairy barn at the point where this new flat, but pitched, roof building will be connected. The siding proposed is insulated barn siding.

W. Walker remarked that the plans reflect an effort to save the barns, and reintroduce farming activities to these abandoned structures. The functional design of the new additions can be an interesting counterpoint to the traditional barn buildings. The HDC thanked M. Olivieri for the presentation.

Eviroshake

C. Haver researched the product which is a composite of recycled rubber and wood pulp fashioned to resemble wood shake. Members will note the look of the material on Bulls Bridge.

State Register Forms

G. Miller downloaded the nomination form and compared it to the forms from J. Cunningham’s historic house survey. The information is essentially the same and could simply be transferred from one form to the other. W. Walker will reprint the list of old house homeowners who expressed interest in their house’s listing. She suggested that these residents be notified of the process and at that time be asked if they would support a town ordinance that would prohibit the demolition of any house listed on the State Register. J. Huber will download the form in a format that could be used to complete the nominations.

Budget

The HDC unanimously approved \$675 for next year’s budget. J. Huber will give the information to K. Baron.

In 2015, the sales of the Barn Book totaled \$980; the Survey Book, \$1575. W. Walker shows an expenditure of \$6253.82 for the reissue. J. Huber will check his accounts.

Rev. Swift House

J. Huber spoke to the owner who reiterated what D. Shaw had told the HDC; that the Air Stream will be moved to the lake house.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Miller

Georgette Miller, Clerk

The next meeting of the HDC is:

Wednesday 17 February 7:30 pm Roxbury Town Hall