



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Historic District Commission

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ROXBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 18, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

Present: C. Haver, M. Jonker, E. Lacy, G. Miller, C. Raymond, W. Walker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 20 April meeting were accepted as submitted.

BUSINESS

Alliance Review

The article "Establishing a Demolition by Neglect Ordinance" in the publication of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions was distributed at the last meeting. The HDC discussed the article which addresses a problem encountered in Roxbury: the demise of historic structures by ignoring or causing structural failures. The discussion focused on whether there is any enabling CT legislation or precedent. As requested by HDC, G. Miller will send a copy of the article to Gail McTaggart, Town Counsel, for her opinion.

Survey/Barn books

The Barn Books are outselling the Survey Books. W. Walker asked E. Lacy to find out the amount in the Preservation Fund.

Firehouse light

W. Walker heard back from Eversource which looked at the light, questioning if it was a safety issue. The color and the position of the light can be changed which can be done in two weeks. By next meeting, we should see the change.

State Register

J. Scofield got back to W. Walker and noted that all 10 proposed nominations have merit and are pre-approved. J. Scofield reviewed the form the HDC submitted and made notations on each section where she felt improvements could be made. She will be returning this guide. The emphasis should be on the significance of the architecture not the individual. All buildings on the site should be referenced as should the status of integrity of the house (inside and out). J. Scofield is to send additional material.

Old House Journal

An article on old windows provides a short question and answer sidebar that could be added to the HDC website. J. Huber will review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Miller

Georgette Miller, Clerk

The next meeting of the HDC is: Wednesday 15 June 7:30 pm Roxbury Town Hall