



# TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Historic District Commission

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## ROXBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JUNE 15, 2016

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM. C. Haver chaired.

Present: C. Haver, J. Huber, E. Lacy, G. Miller

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 18 May meeting were accepted as submitted.

#### BUSINESS

##### Distillery

E. Davis is setting up an on-site meeting with the CT Preservation Office to review the Nat'l Register nomination and to explain the plans for the railroad station. In order to restore the look of the station when it was operational, a platform on three sides, as on the original, will be added. But since one side sits on the road (which is on the distillery's property), the station will need to be moved 8 feet to accommodate the platform. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards state that moving a historic structure takes it out of context and makes it ineligible for designation. Whether this will hold in this specific case is the question for the CT Preservation representatives.

Also, Mary Donohue, formally with the state preservation office with whom the HDC had worked for many years, has started her own firm Grant Houses Heritage Services that does, among other things, prepare nominations for State and National Registers. The HDC agreed that to pass her name along to E. Davis.

##### Hat Shop

A prospective buyer has contacted the HDC with some questions about the property. The email that was sent with attachments was shown to the commission. Included were photos of fencing to surround the property. W. Walker sent the Design Guidelines and G. Miller was approached by this potential buyer asking to explain the guidelines. The advice was to look around the district at the existing fencing – style and height – to understand the guidance offered. An invitation was extended to attend a meeting with the caution that only the owner of the property has the right to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

##### Survey and Barn Books

There is an outstanding balance due which will be collected. E. Lacy will review the printout from J. Moker and report at next meeting.

##### Demolition by Neglect

A letter along with the Alliance Review article was sent to Town Counsel for her opinion.

##### Website

J. Huber will work on setting up links to Old House Journal articles.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Georgette Miller*

Georgette Miller, Clerk

The next meeting of the HDC is:

Wednesday 20 July 7:30 pm Roxbury Town Hall