



Historic District Commission

Minutes

06/15/2021

Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order: 7:04 P.M. by Peggy Adler, Chair, Rich Geer, Maureen Wellman, Jake Clinton
Absent: Gary Bango, Laura Reynolds & Dennis Parker**
- 2. Seating of Alternate in Full Seat is Vacant: Jake Clinton seated in Gary Bango's Full Seat**
- 3. Visitors/Public Comment: No Visitors Present/No Public Comment**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: 04/20/2021: Rich Geer Motion to Approve, Second Jake Clinton.
All four in favor.**
- 5. Correspondence: None**
- 6. Status of some of Clinton's Historic Buildings/Properties of Concern to HDC:**
 - a. 151 East Main (Dowd House) – Developer opted to rescind permit to level the house in light of pressure from the Connecticut State Attorney and the old Corn Crib has been removed to a private party. The remaining corn crib addition/building is dilapidated. Thus the issue of "Blight" arose regarding both the height of the grass at both the 151 House, (currently at least 22 to 31 inches) and what remains of the corn crib. Motion: Jake Clinton second by Maureen Wellman 4 ayes, 0 nays: to (A) Send a Formal Blight Complaint to the proper Town of Clinton Department from the Historical Commission and (B) from the Commission, a letter citing the blight issue to the owners and their need to address/ remedy.
 - b. 92 East Main (Kelsey House) – Peggy Adler and Alan Kravitz visited and toured current status.
 - c. 109 East Main Street – The building owners, Joe and Ginny Kabe, in April have replaced the rotted front Porch and installed two additional posts to support the Porch' Roof; they also had the crumbling chimney rebuilt and repainted the structure.

- d. 159 East Main (1720 House) – No new info
- e. 3 Liberty Street – Back on the Market as either a B& B or Residence.
- f. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – No new info
- g. Waterside Lane – New Construction: Building in progress to be a 3 Bedroom Colonial
- h. Chains Needed at Statue & Canon on Liberty Green – Sue Cunningham at the Finance Department has requested chain price information from DPW.
- i. Ask the town to clean up the area between the sidewalk and the woods at Liberty Street Southbound – between 6 Liberty and 18 Liberty. This is Town property. Town is aware but has other priorities at this time.

7. HDC Certificate of Recognition for Historic Property Restoration Program:

(Select the 1st property to be property to be recognized; presentation in July 2021) Criteria:

Must have been in a state of deterioration or inappropriate modernization and then restored;

A. Potential Candidates: Issues around the recognition were discussed; 10 Commerce Street and 44 Waterside Lane have been added to the list of potential buildings to be recognized. Motion to table selection of first property to be recognized ‘til July meeting so that the HDC membership can go look at each building. (Wellman/Clinton 4 ayes, 0 nays

- 109 East Main: Replaced dilapidated/rotted porch & repaired crumbling chimney (4/2021)
- Mill District School (Glenwood Road)
- 68 East Main (Milestone House)
- 148 Old Post Road (Flynn House)
- 5 Liberty Street (LGHD - built in 1725)
- 63 East Main (when completed)
- 92 East Main (when completed)
- 125 East Main (when completed)
- 129 East Main (when completed)
- 63 Pratt Road (when completed)
- 10 Commerce Street (Steeple Added to the Church)

8. Status of Recommendations of Individual Properties

for National Register of Historic Places that are

Not in a National Register District: No action at this time

- a) Mill District School (Glenwood Road) – awaiting new info
- b) Cow Hill School – awaiting new info
- c) Pallenberg Complex @ 15 North High – awaiting new info
- d) 63 Pratt Road – awaiting new info

9. Expand the LGHD by adding 18 Liberty Street. Owner Shirley Berkmeier has informed the Commission the decision will be made by her son & daughter-in-law in the next year or two when the building belongs to them.

10. Clinton Historic District Signage Possibilities : No Action

<https://chs.org/opportunities/legends-lore-roadside-marker-program/>

11. Consider asking SHPO to start the process of making Commerce Street/Leffingwell a National Register District. Following discussion, a motion was made for the Chair to draft a letter to Jennifer Schofield, at the State Historic Preservation Office , to request that the process begin: Wellman/Clinton 4 Ayes 0 Nays. A letter will also be drafted by the chair to request that the 1740 house on Snow Lane be added to the existing Clinton Village Historic District or be added as a stand alone property.

12. Update of Current HDC Areas of Concern: Vice Chair, Jake Clinton Reported no New Information: No Action

- 7 Liberty Street Fence (any update will come from the Vice Chairman -- before which, the Chairman will leave the meeting)

13. Adjournment; Motion to Adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Geer/Wellman 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

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Time: Jun 15, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Submitted by:

HDC Vice Chairman John (Jake) Clinton serving as Clerk.