



Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

07/18/2023

Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Peggy Adler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. **Members Present:** Peggy Adler, Maureen Wellman, Mark Giaconia, Jake Clinton, Dennis Parker, Terry Clark, Barbara Gibson
Absent: Rich Geer
3. **Seating of Alternate in Full Seat if Vacant:** Barbara seated for Rich Geer
4. **Visitors/Public Comment:** none
5. **Approval of Minutes:** 06/20/2023: motion to approve minutes as prepared made by Dennis Parker, seconded by Maureen, approved by all who attended the meeting; abstained by Terry and Mark since they did not attend the meeting. J.R. Clinton did not vote, as he had not yet arrived.
6. **Correspondence:** One letter, to be read in Executive Session.
7. **Status of some of Clinton's Historic Buildings/Properties of Concern to HDC:**
 - a. 89 East Main (in front of the memory care facility) – Update: The rotted boards in the porch have been replace, though the right and left sides were done differently.
 - b. 92 East Main (Kelsey House) – no new info
 - c. 101 East Main – Update: The massive, non-garden variety vegetation has been removed. The picket fence continues to be in poor condition.
 - d. 151 East Main Street – update: grounds continue to be in poor condition, fence in disrepair.

- e. 159 East Main (1720 House) – Update: The interior and exterior of the building as well as the grounds are in excellent condition.
- f. 39 Waterside – Update: An addition is being added and the interior is under renovation.
- g. 69 Waterside Lane – No new information
- h. 22 High Street: No new information

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

A. Criteria: Must have been in a state of deterioration or inappropriate modernization and then restored;

B. Already Recognized:

- 109 East Main Street (FY 2021 -2022) > SOLD 2/6/2023
- 148 Old Post Road (FY 2021 -2022)
- 5 Liberty Street (FY 2021 – 2022)
- 44 Waterside Lane (FY 2021 – 2022)

C. Potential Candidates:

- 63 East Main (Stanton House - for consideration when completed)
- 92 East Main (Josiah Kelsey House – for consideration when completed)
- 125 East Main (for consideration when completed)
- 129 East Main (for consideration when com
- 63 Pratt Road (for consideration when completed)
and
- 142 Commerce Street (for consideration when completed)
This property is has an application before Clinton’s ZBA for a variance regarding the height of new piers. Chairman Adler has written a letter to ZBA in support of the variance and asked who, if any, HDC members wanted to sign the letter as well. Every HDC member who was present signed on and Rich Geer e-mailed to include his name as well. A copy of the letter is included with these minutes.

Honorable Mention for restorations that use modern materials, such as vinyl siding.

Recognition in the press, but no photo hung on the wall at Andrews. Perhaps this might encourage more folks to repair/restore their antique property. Two current examples are 151 East Main and the former multi-color house.

- 151 East Main (Cited in 2022)
- 138 East Main (cited in 2023)

It was suggested that we add 159 East Main Street to this list. Members agreed to discuss this possibility at the next meeting.

9. Expand the LGHD by adding 18 Liberty Street. (nothing new expected until 2023 or later)

10. Clinton Historic District Signage (Update):

> CLFRF/ARPA Funding Requests: Second round approved by Town Council 5/4; public hearing was June 21st; an additional workshop was necessary; date now to be set by Town Council for town meeting; followed by disbursement of funds.

11. Commerce Street as a National Register District: Still on schedule.

12. "Clinton Events" (3rdth quarter)

13. Old Business:

Utility Boxes In Historic Districts – nothing new

14. New Business

15. Executive Session per CGS 1-200(6): Motion to go into executive session made by Dennis, seconded by Jake, unanimously approved

Executive session began at 7:15PM, ended at 7:17PM

16. Adjournment: motion to adjourn made by Dennis, seconded by Terry unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Gibson

Alternate Member and Clerk