

HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Draft Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Roy Black, Robin Adair Logan, Pat Stark and chair Jonathan Schechtman.

Staff Present: Town Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: Selectboard Liaison Dennis Brown.

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held in Room 312 of the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Chair Jonathan Schechtman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any additions to the agenda. Matt Osborn requested adding the HHPC Annual Report. The HHPC agreed.
2. Minutes of the October 16th HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any corrections to the Minutes of October 16th. There were none. Pat Stark made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 16th as written. The motion was seconded by Robin Adair Logan and approved.
3. Taft's Flat Intensive Level Survey: Matt Osborn reported that Architectural Historian Brian Knight has been hard at work on the project that he started last month. To date, Brian has:

- Conducted research concerning historic context of architecture and developments between 1920 and 1960.
- Conducted research on the Taft's Flat developers - Hartford Building Associates, Alfred Watson, J.B Demers and Sherman Manning.
- Conducted full deed research on all the properties.
- Created Historic Sites and Structures Survey forms with core information.
- Conducted physical inspection and photo documentation of properties from public right-of-way.

Matt noted that Brian is planning to attend the January 15th HHPC meeting to talk about the project and moving forward with planning for the spring walking tour and community meeting.

4. 2020 CLG Grant Application: Matt Osborn reported that applications for the CLG grant are due December 16th. He has obtained a cost estimate for the project. The next step is to develop a project budget and get on a Selectboard meeting agenda. Jonathan Schechtman volunteered to join Matt at the Selectboard meeting. Robin Adair Logan also expressed an interest in attending.
5. White River Junction Historic District Nomination: Matt Osborn reported that the White River Junction Nomination was submitted to the National Park Service last month. Matt noted that he received the revised nomination from State Architectural Historian Devin Colman. Matt will distribute to the HHPC.
6. Valley Bible Church House: Matt Osborn reported that he contacted Mike Lavalla about the possibility of moving the house as an alternative to demolition. Robin Adair Logan noted that there are several similar houses in the neighborhood. Matt agreed to send an e-mail from Robin Adair with photographs of those houses and information on the architectural style. Matt agreed to forward the e-mail.

7. WWI Honor Roll Monument: Dennis Brown reported that the Sunday, November 10th event at the VFW was well-attended. Pat Stark noted that there is a committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 5th. The purpose of the meeting is to figure out the next steps moving forward.
8. HHPC 2020 Meeting Schedule: Matt Osborn distributed the 2020 HHPC Meeting Schedule. The HHPC accepted it.
9. HHPC Annual Report: Matt Osborn distributed a draft of the HHPC Annual Report. The Commission reviewed the report and made suggested additions and changes. Matt will revise it and distribute to the HHPC. It was agreed to take a photograph of the Commission at the December 18th meeting. Jonathan Schechtman requested that Matt send the Commission a reminder.
10. Next HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman noted that the next HHPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th.
11. Adjournment: Pat Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robin Adair Logan and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.