

HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Approved Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Susanne Walker Abetti, Roy Black, 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 2, Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Chair Jonathan Schechtman called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. Minutes of the January 24, 2018 HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any corrections to the Minutes of January 24th. There were none. Pat Stark made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 24th as written. The motion was seconded by Susanne Walker Abetti and approved.
2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any additions to the agenda. There were none.
3. Public Outreach and Education CLG Project: Matt Osborn distributed the meeting notes from the 1/24 start-up meeting with Landworks. The Commission reviewed the notes and made some changes. The Commission also reviewed the three draft posters that arrived this afternoon. It was unclear if the posters were intended as 8 ½" x 11" or a larger size or both. The HHPC liked the poster designs and came up with the following comments:

Poster 1 Map of Historic Districts

- This should be the first poster.
- Need to add boundaries of the Terraces Historic District and the Advent Camp Meeting Grounds Historic District. The Town will send Landworks the maps.
- Need to include the Town Seal on this and all posters. The Town will send a jpeg file to Landworks.
- Would like to see the five villages included somewhere on this and all flyers (White River Junction, Wilder, Quechee, West Hartford and Hartford Village). They are included on the Town Seal. That may be enough.
- The four photographs are all from White River Junction. The HHPC prefers having five photos (one from each village).
- Would like the historic districts in a slightly brighter color so they will stand out more.
- Like the Historic Hartford at the top to be on two lines like the other two posters. It could go over the historic district map to fit.

Poster 2 Junction House

- Most people won't recognize this building. Choose another more recognizable building.

Poster 3 Carriage & Horses

- Unsure of the artistic background. It might be better to show the details of the building.

There was discussion about the March 3rd Town Floor Meeting and whether it is the appropriate event to kick-off the project since the format has changed and that the event has had lower numbers of participants in the last few years. It was agreed that the February 26th Candidates Forum and Budget Discussion gets a much better turnout and see if Landworks can meet the earlier deadline to complete the poster. Pat Stark volunteered to hand out the posters at the event.

The HHPC reviewed the locations for shining a light. There was agreement to hold the first shining a light event in White River Junction at the First Friday event on April 6th. The HHPC reviewed the locations for White River Junction and liked Colodny's. They also like the idea of the former fire station on Bridge Street or the Old Post Office on South Main Street. The HHPC also didn't want to rule out Wilder Village or Quechee.

The HHPC liked the idea of working with the Center for Cartoon Studies on the poster series.

4. Master Plan Update: Matt Osborn reported that the 2014 Hartford Master Plan is due to expire in May, 2019. Staff and the Planning Commission are working on the update. Matt noted that since 2003, the Historic and Cultural Resources Chapter has only had minor changes and needs to be updated. He thinks this is an opportunity to improve the chapter. Staff is hoping to make the document more readable and user friendly. Matt stated that he is looking to the HHPC for help with the Historic and Cultural Resources Chapter update. The item will appear on monthly HHPC agenda's in the coming months.
5. Next HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman noted that the next HHPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st.
8. Adjournment: Susanne Walker Abetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roy Black and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.