

HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Approved Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Susanne Walker Abetti, Roy Black, Robin Adair Logan, and vice-chair Pat Stark.

Staff Present: Town Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: None.

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held in Room 2, Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Vice-chair Pat Stark called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Pat Stark asked if there are any additions to the agenda. There were none.
2. Minutes of the June 20th HHPC Meeting: Pat Stark asked if there are any corrections to the Minutes of June 20th. There were none. Roy Black made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 20th as written. The motion was seconded by Robin Adair Logan and approved.
3. Quechee Gorge Bridge Safety Fencing: Matt Osborn reported that Robin Adair Logan and Jonathan Schechtman attended the June 21st meeting on the Quechee Gorge Bridge Scoping Study. The meeting included discussion of the temporary safety fencing in addition to the proposed maintenance improvements to the bridge. The Scoping Study will include review of a long-term solution to suicide prevention. Matt noted that VTrans received the comments about the suicide prevention temporary fencing and is researching options which will be presented at a public meeting on Tuesday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hartford Town Hall. Robin Adair Logan stated that she plans on attending.
4. White River Junction Historic District Nomination: Matt Osborn reported that the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be meeting to review the White River Junction nomination for the proposed update and expanded district at their July 26th meeting. Matt reported that he was contacted by the property owners of 279 South Main Street who strongly object to having their property included in the expanded historic district. Matt noted that according to State Architectural Historian Devin Colman, objections will be noted during the Advisory Council's review of the nomination, but it won't be a factor since a majority of owners must object in order for the nomination to be affected. There was discussion regarding the strong opposition by the property owners about being included in the District. The consensus of the Commission was to remove the property from the District unless it would jeopardize the rest of the District. Matt will confer with Devin Colman.
5. Public Outreach and Education CLG Project: Matt Osborn reported that Landworks is winding down work on the project. They are presently working on revisions to the HHPC webpage and will have a draft to review shortly. Matt distributed copies of the Architectural History of Hartford. He stated that Landworks requested that the HHPC review the draft and get comments back to them next week. Robin Adair Logan noted that since they have photos of buildings that no longer exist, it should be noted. Susanne Walker Abetti suggested making the photos larger and reducing the dead space. Overall, the HHPC likes the cover and layout.
6. Town Plan Update: Matt Osborn reported that the third of five community forums will be held tonight at the West Hartford Library and will focus on community facilities and services and historic preservation. Robin Adair Logan stated that she will be attending. Matt noted that the fourth forum is scheduled for July 16th at the Dothan Brook School and will focus on land use and

natural resources. The final public forum is scheduled for July 23rd at the Hartford Town Hall and will feature economic development and housing.

7. Cemetery Research/Oral History Project: Matt Osborn reported that he is presently working on a Request for Proposals.
8. Next HHPC Meeting: Pat Stark noted that the next HHPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th.
9. Adjournment: Roy Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robin Adair Logan and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.