

HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
**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 2, Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Chair Jonathan Schechtman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any additions to the agenda. Dennis Brown suggested the World War I Monument. Matt Osborn suggested the HHPC Meeting Time for 2019. The HHPC agreed.
2. Minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any corrections to the Minutes of October 17<sup>th</sup>. There were none. Roy Black made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 17<sup>th</sup> as written. The motion was seconded by Pat Stark and approved.
3. Annual CLG Grant Application: Matt Osborn reported that he spoke with State Architectural Historian Devin Colman about possible historic district nominations for the Taft's Flat neighborhood. Matt noted that four or five nominations are possible and the HHPC wanted input from Devin. Devin recommended that the HHPC consider an intensive-level survey as the next step. Matt noted that historic sites and structures surveys are reconnaissance-level surveys which collect basic information about the properties. The intensive-level survey is a closer and more careful look at each area. It would involve detailed background and deed research. Devin believes that the intensive-level survey will help guide the Commission with future historic district nominations. It also eliminates the risk of a nomination that doesn't get approved. The intensive-level survey will result in an architectural historian's evaluation as to whether a nomination is likely to be eligible for listing on the National Register. The HHPC agreed. Pat Stark made a motion to apply for a CLG grant for an intensive-level survey of the Taft's Flat neighborhood. The motion was seconded by Robin Adair Logan and approved 4 to 0.
4. Cemetery Research/Oral History Project: Matt Osborn noted that the HHPC interviewed two consultants earlier today. The third and final interview is scheduled for Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Following the interview on Monday, the HHPC will have a discussion about the most suitable consultant for the project.
5. Town Plan Update: Matt Osborn reported that he is working on the Historic Resources chapter of the Town Plan and expects to have a draft to the HHPC Town Plan Working Group next week.
6. Quechee Gorge Bridge: Matt Osborn reported that a meeting on the Quechee Gorge Bridge rehabilitation is scheduled for Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Matt noted that the two-year construction project will begin in 2021. He suggested that the HHPC stay involved with the project. The HHPC agreed. Regarding the recently installed temporary safety fencing, the consensus was that the fencing looks good.

7. World War I Monument: Pat Stark reported that the World War I Monument that once stood outside the Town Hall now resides in the basement of the Garipay House. She noted that some pieces are missing, but she does have photos of the Monument when it stood outside the Town Hall. Pat agreed to send out photos of the Monument to the Commission. Dennis Brown reported that the Legion and the VFW are interested in restoring and erecting the Monument possibly at Veterans Park on Railroad Row. It was suggested that a committee be formed to look into it.
8. HHPC Meeting Time: Robin Adair Logan noted that she is working in upstate New York and it is difficult to make it back for the 4:30 meetings. Matt Osborn suggested moving the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. for 2019. The HHPC agreed.
9. Next HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman noted that the next HHPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
10. 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 6:16 p.m.