

*Members: Thomas Yemm — Chairman, Paul Joy — Vice Chair, Ryan Erenhouse, Edward Goodrich, Lisa Donnelly — Clerk; Alternate members: Beth Daponte, Robert Caldwell, Michael Bingham*

## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION** **MINUTES OF MEETING**

August 7, 2014

1) **Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Joy called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

**Members in Attendance:** Thomas Yemm, Paul Joy, Lisa Donnelly, Ryan Erenhouse

**Others in Attendance:** Ryan Hales, Kelsey Martinez, Zeb Hults and Peter Horbury

2) **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Erenhouse to approve the minutes of June 5, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3) **Certificate of Appropriateness Applications**

a. 953 East Broadway. Ryan Hales. Portico and roof replacement; solar panel installation. Mr. Joy pointed out that the Portico and roof were points of discussion only and Mr. Hales and Ms. Martinez will apply for a CoA at some future date.

Mr. Joy vacates the chair. Mr. Yemm assumes the chair.

Question arose re: will the solar panels be seen from the street view and are the solar panels removable should a roofing problem occur. Mr. Hales produced photo of the panels that showed only a skirting line may be visible and the panels are leased.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JOY, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 953 EAST BROADWAY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. 688 Broad Street. Peter Horbury. Chimney and roof replacement; porch rebuild. Mr. Horbury resides at 1688 Main Street, Stratford. He clarified the repairs, materials to be used, structure, dimensions, replacement door. Questions were posed to Mr. Horbury re: deck entrance in sync with other entrances, style of door to new deck entry way.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DONNELLY, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 688 BROAD STREET. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4) **Correspondence:**

- Demolition permit from Peter Horbury
- Request for renewal with CT Trust Preservation

5) **Old Business:**

Election of Historic District Commission Clerk — 2014 in accordance with § 121-4 E. of Town Code *Placed on the table during meeting of Jan. 16, 2014.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ITEM OFF THE TABLE. MS. DONNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO NOMINATE LISA DONNELLY FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION CLERK. MS. DONNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION. Hearing no other nominations, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT LISA DONNELLY AS CLERK OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

6) **New Business:**

- a. Historic District brochure discussion — The mock-up copy with map was circulated. Discussion re: preparation to reintroduce literature.
- b. Inventory of Historic Buildings (Not currently in Historic District) - No new information at this time.
- c. Historic District Expansion discussion — The method of increasing the district or creating another district(s) was discussed as a 75% approval rating is necessary to pass.
- d. Nicoll Benjamin House — The “white house” is now being used.
- e. Discussion: Civil War monument on Academy Hill. — The monument has a deteriorating base which consists of bronze with zinc. Budgetary issues need to be discussed.

7) **Adjournment:** — Hearing no further business, Ms. Donnelly made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erenhouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral