

*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**

March 5, 2015

1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Yemm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

**Members in Attendance:** Thomas Yemm, , Edward Goodrich, Ryan Erenhouse, Michael Bingham

**Others in Attendance:** James Canfield, owner of 942 Broad Street property

2) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of Feb. 5, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Bingham to approve the foregoing minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erenhouse and the motion carried unanimously.

### **3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION**

- 942 Broad Street/new garage

Mr. Canfield presented an application for a new construction of a garage. The garage will be a barn type wooden structure that will be historically appropriate, but also practical for his vehicles.

Mr. Yemm entertained a motion to approve this application. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GOODRICH, SECONDED BY MR. BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Yemm stated a process involves money exchanging hands; a check of \$35.00 will be issued to the council clerk.

Mr. Erenhouse signed and dated the approved application. The application will be put on file with the completed originals.

4) **Correspondence:** no new correspondence

5) Old Business:

- Inventory of Historic Buildings** not currently in Historic District — No new information.

- b. **Historic district expansion discussion** —no report.
  - c. **Nicoll-Benjamin (a.k.a. “White” house) update** —no report.
  - d. **Civil War Monument discussion** — no report.
  - e. **Historic District brochure discussion** —no report.
- 6) **New Business:**
- a. **Shakespeare Theatre as Local Historic Property** —no report.
  - b. **Historic District Street name signs** —Mr. Yemm reported the Historical street signs no longer conform to the mandated size. A proposal is made for new signs. The public works department has a sign making machine. The signs can be redone with negative stencil. Color can be determined, not sure of cost. They will be more durable, so they can't be destroyed. Alternate design would be the Historic District with the town seal. Mr. Yemm said he will go back to Tom Albert and ask for a mock of the sign with different modifications to present at next months meeting.
- 7) **Adjournment:** — Hearing no further business, Mr. Bingham made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erenhouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurell Barr