

Members: Richard Fredette — Chairman, David Fuller — Vice Chair, Ryan Erenhouse — Clerk, Edward Goodrich, Penni Knablein; Alternate members: Casimir Mizera, Robert Caldwell, Michael Bingham

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION **MINUTES OF MEETING — August 6, 2015**

1) CALL TO ORDER: at 7:07 p.m. in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT

Presiding: Chairman Richard Fredette

Members in Attendance: Richard Fredette, Ryan Erenhouse, David Fuller, Casimir Mizera

Others in Attendance: Residents/guests Carol Lockshier, Dan Wolgemuth, James Vitorino

Distributed during meeting:

- Lead-Based Paint Survey Report for 1850 Elm Street – from Boston Lead Company, LLC
- Draft CoA re: 2180 Elm Street

2) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

2140 Elm Street, Margaret B. Trepkau (adding fencing to backyard) — Commissioners were unable to clarification a few points because the homeowner or a representative was not present for this meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. MIZERA TO PLACE THE FOREGOING CoA ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WAIVER OF RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO WAIVE THE RULES OF ORDER TO ADD THE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES 2180 ELM STREET. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The above sited draft application for 2180 Elm was reviewed. Mr. Vitorino spoke of the potential efficiency of vinyl window replacements, Castle Company as provider, cost effectiveness. He clarified other items such as double-hung windows, current bug infestation and bird nest infestation. He answered question re: maintaining Historic Character, color of trim, replacement of slate.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO PLACE THE FOREGOING DRAFT APPLICATION ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of May 7, 2015 special meeting of May 21, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF MAY 21 TO REFLECT THE MEETING WAS OPENED/ PRESIDED BY RICHARD FREDETTE. THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2015. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4) CORRESPONDENCE: — None

5) OLD BUSINESS

a. Historic district expansion discussion — Discussion took place re: expansion of the district can only take place via governing ordinance, assistance/guidance from the Town Attorney.

b. Nicoll-Benjamin (a.k.a. “White” house) update —1850 Elm Street. The above cited document was reviewed and discussed. Further discussion took place re: paint chips located on the grounds, panels have been removed from the interior as well as the exterior of the house.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIZERA, SECONDED BY MR. FULLER TO ALLOW MS. LOCKSHIER TO SPEAK. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Lockshier described her observations and dialog with volunteers that precipitated the survey. A cease and desist order was given to Mr. Rooney re: working on the building. Discussion continued regarding work by certified professional, insurance/liability issues.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. MIZERA TO REFER THE REPORT TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO LIABILITY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Civil War Monument discussion — Mr. Casey, Town Engineer, is reviewing RFPs for repair and restoration of the monument.

d. Historic District brochure discussion — Mr. Fredette will seek a copy from Planning and Zoning office, if a copy exists.

e. ~~Historic District Street name signs~~

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ERENHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. MIZERA TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6) NEW BUSINESS: — Harvey Place: Mr. Fredette noted the replacement of bushes with a white picket fence. The project is currently a BZA agenda item.

7) ADJOURNMENT: — Hearing no further business, Mr. Fredette entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Mizera made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary