

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 — September 3, 2015**

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:02 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 Susan Birge, 100 Lordship Rd (formerly of Academy Hill Terrace); Tucker Chase, 88 Academy Hill Terrace; Applicant James Vitorino; Applicant Margaret B. Trepkau; representative from Castle Window company

2) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION**

2180 Elm Street, James Vitorino (Replace windows) Mr. Vitorino spoke of the potential efficiency of vinyl window replacements. The front of the house has 12 to 14 windows. The representative of Castle Window Company spoke of cost effectiveness.

Commissioners discussed and posed questions to Mr. Vitorino re: Aesthetics, Historical character.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIZERA, SECONDED BY MR. FULLER TO APPROVE MR. VITORINO'S CoA FOR THE REPLACEMENT WINDOWS WITH THE PROVISION THAT ALL WINDOWS ARE TRIMMED OUT OF WOOD. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 3 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. ERENHOUSE, OPPOSED.

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of Aug. 6, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** — letter from Susan Birge re: vinyl fence that was approved 2-3 months ago. Mr. Fredette will forward the letter to the Town Attorney for recommendation.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Tabled Items** — application of Margaret B. Trepkau, 2140 Elm Street re: adding fencing to backyard

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO TAKE THE FOREGOING APPLICATION OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Trepkau was in attendance. She will replace a chain-link fence with a wooden picket fence. Questions were posed to Ms. Trepkau re: distance from current gate to street. She may have to consult with Zoning Dept. for a variance to move the gate toward the street.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CoP APPLICATION FOR FENCING AT 2140 ELM STREET WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE APPLICANT CONSULT WITH THE ZONING OFFICE RE: VARIANCE FOR RELOCATING THE GATE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Historic district expansion discussion** — No new information.
- c. **Nicoll-Benjamin (a.k.a. “White” house) update** —No progress
- d. **Civil War Monument discussion** — Mr. Fredette reported info from his meeting today with Town Engineer Mr. Casey, WWII Monument Commission Chairman Mr. Mastroni, and the representative who will be restoring the monument. The plan entails building stainless steel frame inside to stabilize the monument, straighten out outside sections, then reattach the sections. Project may start in a month, but not completed until spring. The Commission discussed funding the project: is Town funding this project?, if grant money is available, was private donation was explored.
- e. **Historic District brochure discussion** — A copy of the brochure has not been located. A copy of the Software will be sought. Discussion went on re: significance of brochure, forwarding to realtors.

Ms. Birge requested to address the Commission. Chairman Fredette granted the request. She spoke of State Historic Preservation officials and incentives.

- 6) NEW BUSINESS: — Mr. Fuller reported:
 - Revolutionary War reenactment Sept. 19-20
 - Christ Church graveyard tour – quasi-reenactment on Oct. 17
 - Christ Church cemetery fence has been damaged by falling branches. AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING.
- 7) ADJOURNMENT: — Hearing no further business, Mr. Fredette entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Erenhouse made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mizera and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary