

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION **MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 14, 2016**

1) CALL TO ORDER: at 7: 01 p.m. in The Employee's Lounge (basement) of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT

Presiding: Chairman Richard Fredette

Members in Attendance: Richard Fredette, David Fuller, John Goodrich, Casimir Mizera, Michael Bingham

Others in Attendance: Mary Dunne, and Gregory Farmer, from the State Historic Preservation Office, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vitorino, applicants, Guest: Historic District residents

2) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

Mr. Fuller made a motion to table item #2 Certificate of Appropriateness Application on the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bingham. The motion carried unanimously.

3) Presentation from State Historic Official - with representative from Old Stratford Neighborhood.

State Officials: Ms. Dunne and Mr. Farmer- Ms. Dunne presented a PowerPoint overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Historic Commission per State guidelines: Establishing Design Review Guidelines, Interior Standards, Certificate Appropriateness procedures, General Considerations/Exemptions from Review, Enforcement by the town, Property Owner Appeals, Demolition Delay procedure, CLG Program and Enhancement Grants. Packets detailing the PowerPoint overview were handed out, as well as Historic Commission handbooks. Several questions were asked and were answered pertinently. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Farmer recommended the Commission revise the public manual and look at the guidelines every 5 years.

A Motion was made by Mr. Fuller to waive the rules to take item #2 on the Agenda out of order and off the table. It was seconded by Mr. Bingham. The motion carried unanimously.

4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

- 2180 Elm Street James Vitorino (sanding/painting, replace garage doors, and parking; crushed milling) and bring down the left side garage door to be parallel to the right side.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. GOODRICH TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5) Discussion-High School Student Potential Historic Competition

Mr. Fredette discussed getting the community more involved by organizing a Stratford Historic trivia game/competition with Bunnell and Stratford High School Seniors. It would be rewarding to our commission and the students themselves to see how much history they know about their town. Members concurred. Further discussion at next month's meeting. This will be integrated into May's agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Bingham to discuss further a Historic trivia game/competition for High School Seniors to participate in. To be placed on May's Agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Fuller. The motion carried unanimously.

6) ADJOURNMENT: — Hearing no further business, Mr. Fredette entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Mr. Goodrich made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bingham. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurell Barr