

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 — MAY 5, 2016**

1) CALL TO ORDER: at 7:05 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, Edward Goodrich

Others in Attendance: Town Council chairman Beth Daponte

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of Mar. 3, and special meeting of April 14, 2016.

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

3) CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION — None. Mr. Fredette said 2 applications for certificates of appropriateness will be forwarded for next month's agenda.

4) CORRESPONDENCE: — None.

5) OLD BUSINESS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Tabled Items — none.

b. Historic District expansion discussion — Discussion re: “Alfred Beech House”, formerly owned by Louis Burke, is being considered for demolition. The house is not in the Historic District but listed on the Federal Historic District register. Mr. Goodrich said that this pre-revolutionary architectural-style house is probably the last one in Stratford. Mr. Fredette circulated photos of the house. He will contact the State Historical Dept. for additional historical significant information.

c. Civil War Monument discussion — Mr. Fredette reported on his meeting with Mr. Mastroni, WWII Monument Commission chairman. The frame is still in New Jersey requiring additional work. The monument may not be completely assembled for Memorial Day. Mr. Fredette will relate proposal to Mr. Mastroni to have a special commemorative ceremony for the monument.

d. Historic District brochure discussion — Discussion of possible use of interns.

e. High School student potential Stratford historic competition. Mr. Fredette reported. The High School teachers like the endeavor but not for this year as the current curriculum is

too busy. Discussion re: Teachers to be invited to Historic District meeting possibly for July; location for competition – Library, 2 high schools, Perry House, Judson House.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Clerk - § 121-4.E of Town Code.

Chairperson — The secretary called for nominations from the floor for Chairperson of the Historic District Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO NOMINATE RICHARD FREDETTE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. HEARING NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, THE SECRETARY CLOSED NOMINATIONS. THE VOTE FOR MR. FREDETTE WAS UNANIMOUS. MR. FREDETE ASSUMES THE CHAIR.

Vice Chairperson — Chairman Fredette called for nominations from the floor for Vice Chairperson of the Historic District Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER, SECONDED BY MR. MIZERA TO NOMINATE RYAN ERENHOUSE AS VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. HEARING NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, THE MOTION TO APPOINT RYAN ERENHOUSE AS VICE CHAIRPERSON PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk — Chairman Fredette called for nominations from the floor for Clerk of the Historic District Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GOODRICH, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO NOMINATE DAVID FULLER AS CLERK OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. HEARING NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, THE MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID FULLER AS CLERK PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Certification of appropriateness application fee. The current fee is \$35.00. The cost to place a legal notice in the newspaper was discussed. Mr. Fredette will investigate application fees in other towns similar to Stratford.

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

Mr. Mizera mentioned the “Complete Street Program”. An info session took place in April. The program falls within the Historic District.

7) ADJOURNMENT: — Hearing no further business, Mr. Fredette entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Fuller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erenhouse and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary