

*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 MEETING - August 4, 2016**

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:13 p.m. in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT

Presiding: Chairman Richard Fredette

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

Others in Attendance: Councilwoman Beth Daponte, Mr. Goetz, Mary Ann Vlahac

2) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of June 2, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Erenhouse to approve the foregoing minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mizera and the motion carried unanimously.

3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION-** None

Chairman Fredette mentioned that Mr. Dillon (florist) came in and is looking to replace the roof on his building, with exactly the same roofing. It will be turned over to zoning for approval.

4) **CORRESPONDENCE-**None

5) **OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**Waive the rules to add 2 new items to agenda:

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIZERA, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO WAIVE THE RULES AND PUT 868 EAST BROADWAY ON THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A. 868 East Broadway, Mr. Goetz recapped and showed the members pictures of the replacement windows re: last meeting.**

**Mr. Erenhouse mentioned at the last meeting going back into the records and seeing how, why, and when the first floor windows were changed to vinyl. His concern is further damage to the historic nature of the home, and wooden windows are a big feature of these historic homes.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIZERA, SECONDED BY MR. FREDETTE TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT WINDOWS ON THE 868 EAST BROADWAY PROPERTY. THE MOTION PAST 2 TO 1, WITH MR. ERENHOUSE IN OPPOSITION.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIZERA, SECONDED BY MR. ERENHOUSE TO WAIVE THE RULES AND PUT MARY ANN VLAHAC ON THE AGENDA TO PROPOSE A WALKING TOUR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Vlahac proposed to the members a walking tour, she would like to implement in the community. She handed out a flyer (draft) with information about the tour. As an individual she would be willing to partner with a non-profit sponsor. She questioned Stratford's positioning on the insurance liability for the walk. Several scenarios were discussed on this matter. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Fredette said he discussed the insurance issue with the Mayors' office. If the Historic District is self insured, and we can sponsor it, that would resolve the insurance matter. He is waiting on a response. Ms. Vlahac brought up the time constraint, since her first scheduled walk would be in September.

Councilwoman Daponte verbally approved Ms. Vlahac's walking tour, pending consent from the Mayors' office. She said this is a town endorsed event, and believes there shouldn't be a problem. This will be placed on the Town Council's agenda on Monday.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ERENHOUSE, SECONDED BY MR. MIZERA TO APPROVE AND ENDORSE THE WALKING TOUR UPON CONTINGENT OF TOWN INSURANCE PROVIDED THE INSURANCE COMES UNDER THE LIABILITY OF THE TOWN'S COVERAGE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Historic District expansion—no report**

**C. Civil War Monument—no report**

**D. Historic District brochure— SHU student, Lauren Baker is interested in helping with the brochure.**

**E. High School Student historic competition—both schools will send a representative in Sept. This will be placed on September's agenda.**

**6) NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Academy Hill/Monument usage—Members discussed the Pokémon craze that has recently been going on at Academy Hill. The parking is a main concern, they discussed possible designated parking areas, but concurred it was a police matter.**

**7) ADJOURNMENT: — Hearing no further business, Mr. Fredette entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Mizera made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erenhouse. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Laurell Barr**