

Windham Historic District commission Meeting
October 28, 2009

Commissioners present: W. McMunn, Chair; Alice Burns-Decelles, David Dupuis (alt.), David Masopust, Charles Thorpe, and Nancy Ames. Also in attendance was James Finger, Windham's Town Planner.

Because there were no applications, there was no Public Hearing.

The Commission meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Mike Hebert and Mick Marmo, representatives from A. W. Hastings, a distributor of Marvin Windows and Doors, gave a presentation on Marvin windows.

The next Commission meeting will take place on November 25. Joe Randazzo and Jay Podosek have indicated that they would like to discuss further the projects that were raised at the September 30, 2009 meeting. The Meeting will most likely take place at St. Paul's Church.

Andrzej and Halima Elidrissi presented a sign for the Commissioners' review and approval. The sign, to be placed at 28 North Road (Property #70), was conditionally approved at the February 25, 2009 meeting.

The proposed sign was heart-shaped with cursive lettering.

Dave Masopust moved that the sign be approved. Dave Dupuis seconded. Dave Masopust, Bill McMunn, Dave Dupuis voted yes. Charlie Thorpe, Nancy Ames, and Alice Burns-Decelles voted no. As Dave Dupuis is an alternate, his vote didn't count and the sign was not approved.

The Commissioners indicated that they prefer a rectangular sign with simplified, easier-to-read lettering. They requested that the property owners present a drawing of the proposed sign prior to fabrication.

Dave Masopust moved that the Commission approve the temporary placement of the heart-shaped sign at 28 North Road until January 1, 2010 to allow the applicants time to have a permanent sign reviewed and approved by the Commission. Charlie Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the possibility of amending the procedures to limit the number of projects able to be listed on a single application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. This will be added to the agenda for the November meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the need to expedite compilation of guidelines for property owners. A meeting will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 10:00 am

at St. Paul's Church for the express purpose of working on the guidelines. Bill McMunn suggested that each Commissioner assume responsibility for a specific area. Nancy Ames offered to be responsible for the signage section. She will also circulate, via e-mail, Dave Masopust's draft guidelines.

James Finger reported on efforts to establish historic districts in Willimantic and on a state grant of \$30,000 he obtained to survey 155 historic structures in the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ames