

Windham Historic District Commission Meeting
First Church in Windham (Congregational), Windham Center Road,
Windham

July 28, 2010

Commissioners present: William McMunn (Chair), Alice Burns-Decelles,
David Masopust, David Johnson

Chairman McMunn called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed the new draft guidelines based on the guidelines of the Simsbury and Collinsville historic districts, distributed by email before the meeting.

David Masopust, referring to emailed recommendations from Nancy Ames, who was not able to attend the meeting, suggested the removal of the phrases "try to" and "avoid" in the draft guidelines, replacing many instances of "avoid" with the phrase "do not".

Commissioners agreed that the paragraphs expressing qualified acceptance of sandblasting and "low maintenance siding" and discouraging reproduction of earlier styles in new construction should be removed. They also suggested that the language on the impact of changes on neighboring properties should be strengthened.

Commissioners discussed progress on the moved stone wall and parking lot grading at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, praising the stone wall construction and expressing concern about the lack of grading improvements.

The next meeting will be the regular commission meeting on August 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William McMunn, Chair