

**Town of Windham
Windham Historic District Commission**

The Windham Historic District Commission held a commission meeting on **Wednesday, September 25, 2013** at the Windham Center School, 41 North Road, Windham, Connecticut. Commissioners present were A. Burns-Decelles, D. Dupuis, D. Masopust, W. McMunn, and N. Thorpe. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, William McMunn at 7:40 PM. Minutes of previous meeting were posted on the Town of Windham web site. There were no changes to the minutes.

Changes under consideration by property owners:

- Diane and Gary Jester, new owners of the property at 34 Windham Center Road, are considering replacing all of the windows in the house, installing a small shed as a temporary structure on the property, and installing a fence in the back yard. They were not present at the meeting however.

Other items discussed:

- Maps of the Historic District were sent to all Commissioners some time ago, and will be on the Town web site in the future. This map has been included in the new Historic District brochure to be available on the web site and circulated to property owners in the District.
- Notice Board that was at the intersection of Plains Road and Windham Center Road is being repaired by the Town Public Works Department. The Windham Free Library has been approached about the placement changing to closer proximity to the Library. Commissioners suggested the corner of the Hunt Office so that it could be clearly seen from Plains Road. The Library Board is considering that proposal. It is to be mounted on a granite post rather than the iron post that it was on. According to Richard Theriaque, Windham Public Works Department Supervisor, the board will be mounted at a convenient height for posting and reading notices.
- Mr. McMunn informed the Commissioners that the owner of the major former American Thread property complex has filed a proposal for nomination of 322, 480, 560 Main Street and 157 Union Street to the National Register of Historic Places, and the Windham Historic Commission has been asked to review and respond to the proposal. The draft proposal was circulated and the Commissioners were given the opportunity to review the nomination and attached documentation describing the included buildings and their historical importance to the community. Commissioners favored supporting the nomination and instructed Mr. McMunn to submit a favorable response to the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office.
- No further details have been received on the plans for the McGeowan property.
- Lights at Windham Center School parking lot. An appropriate style has been selected and the installation will include 60 watt LED lights with motion detector and timer, all meeting the criteria of the Commission.
- Commissioners expressed concern for some of the vacant properties in the District which have fallen into neglect. Members will look into the current status of such properties.

The next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be October 30, 2013, 7:30 PM, at Windham Center School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy S. Thorpe, Commissioner
October 15, 2013