

Town of Windham
Windham Historic District Commission

Minutes: October 29, 2014

The Windham Historic Commission held its regular monthly meeting on October 29, 2014 at the Windham Center School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, William McMunn at 7:30. Those in attendance included Commissioners David Masopust, Alice Burns-Decelles, Lori Sweet-Guillard, and Nancy Thorpe. Barbara Gibson and Alton Nichols also attended.

Barbara Gibson, co-president of the Windham Free Library Board of Directors attended to discuss the Library Board's request to install a second handrail on the stairs leading into the library. Mr. McMunn explained that as a "safety measure", and the fact that one was already in place, it would be an acceptable installation as long as it is identical to the one already there. In addition to this request, Dr. Gibson noted that the library board did not wish to have the sign post placed on library property and that it would be returned to town property on the Green. It was decided that available Commissioners would "walk the green" to identify a place for the sign board on Saturday, November 1, at which time, this meeting would reconvene.

Alton Nichols reported that he has selected the same storm windows, as were approved for the Dupris Home, at 111 Windham Center Rd, for his home at 52 North Road. It was clarified that the selected windows would be one over one panes, similar to the originals. This also follows the design of the present interior windows. A proposal to approve without a Certificate of Appropriateness by the commissioners was approved.

Regarding the removal of the period decorative fence in front of 55 Scotland Rd, Mr. McMunn said he had not yet drafted a letter to the current owners. A discussion about effective ways to inform new owners of property in the Historic District followed. It was decided that instead of notifying the current owners that they had not complied in providing notice to the commission before demolition, a letter would be sent to the new owners informing them that a historic fence had been removed prior to their purchase so as to establish history of the design of the fence for future reference.

The portion of the meeting was adjourned, to be reconvened on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 10:30, on the Green.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thorpe, Commissioner