

**Town of Windham
Windham Historic District Commission**

**Special Meeting: St Paul's Episcopal Church
December 13, 2014**

The Windham Historic District Commission held a special meeting on December 13, 2014, on the grounds of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 Plains Road, at the request of a committee developing plans for handicapped access to the front entry of the church. This was an informal meeting to hear tentative plans and review drawings available. Commissioners present included Chairman William Mc, Munn, Alice Burns-Decelles, David Masopust, Lori Sweet- Guillard, and Nancy Thorpe. Jim Russel, member of St. Paul's Church presented the plan to date.

The concept described to the Commissioners included changing the topography and landscape in the front of the church, building a gradual incline to the front door from the driveway on the east side. This would entail building up soil to create this incline across the front to church to the present doorway. A railing would be installed as an added safety feature. Commissioners present agreed that a railing could be installed if it were appropriate in design, but the concept of changing the grade in front of the church brought serious concerns for run off of water onto Plains Road and across adjacent driveways on the downhill side. It was suggested that DOT be consulted. Because the drawing available was preliminary and did not answer a lot of the questions, it was suggested that the individual developing the design meet with the commission prior to filing a Certificate of Appropriateness. The meeting concluded with Mr. McMunn informing the committee of the Commission's meeting schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thorpe, Commissioner