

Suffield Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting: March 6, 2023; 7:30 P.M.
Town Hall Upper Level Meeting Room

Chairman Doug Mayne called The Historic District Commission meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Attendees: Commissioner
Doug Mayne
Scott MacClintic
John Schwemmer
Beth Tracey
Klaire Bielonko (Alternate)
Aysha Moore-Manwaring (Alternate)
Crystal Quandt (Alternate)

Designation of Voting Members: Voting rights were designated to alternate member Klaire Bielonko.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Schwemmer motioned and Commissioner Tracey seconded to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: 4 in favor (Mayne, MacClintic, Schwemmer and Tracey) and 1 abstain (Bielonko.) Motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Informal Review

232 S. Main Street, King House Existing Stables

Sara Zak, Suffield Historical Society Board of Trustee and Art Sikes, President of the Suffield Historical Society came before the commission to engage in an informal discussion regarding the King House Stables located at 232 S. Main Street and possible options for the building. The stables are currently in a state of disrepair on the property and can only be utilized for storage in certain pieces of the building. Ms. Zak walked the commission through a powerpoint presentation, which included a history of the property, six (6) possible options for the site, photographs, proposed building illustrations/designs and possible space usage for the areas located within the building. Discussion ensued with the commission members asking many questions which Ms. Zak and Mr. Sikes answered to the best of their ability. As this particular property has not formally submitted a request to the Historic District Commission for consideration, the discussion focused on the best way to approach the project when the time comes. Commission members provided valuable feedback based on the information presented to them and encouraged the Suffield Historical Society to consider an extended or phased build

which could allow the group to conduct fundraising efforts and an easier path to full completion of the project over the coming years. Ms. Zak and Mr. Sikes thanked the commission for their time and expressed their appreciation for the guidance provided to them.

New Business

Discussion ensued on the following past projects related to the HDC:

- Outstanding signage project 82 North Main St
 - At this time, the commission has not received any updated information on this project.
- 423 South Main Street
 - Work appears to be stalled at this point
 - Chairman Mayne will circle back with First Selectman Moll regarding the town's action relating to this property
- St. Joseph's Church
 - The Planning & Zoning Commission denied the project regarding the purchase of St. Joseph's Church on South Main Street

Commissioner Schwemmer motioned and Commissioner MacClintic seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary