

Suffield Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting: July 1, 2024 - 7:30 P.M.
Town Hall Upper Level Meeting Room

Commissioner Mayne called The Historic District Commission meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2024 and asked all Commission Members to introduce themselves.

Attendees: Commissioner – Scott MacClintic, Doug Mayne, Beth Tracey, Klaire Bielonko (Alternate), and Crystal Quandt (Alternate)

Absent: Commissioner - Bill Moryto, John Schwemmer, and Aysa Moore-Manwaring (Alternate)

Designation of Voting Members

Commissioner Mayne noted that the designated voting members this evening would be Commissioner Mayne, Commissioner MacClintic, Commissioner Tracey, and Commissioner Bielonko.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bielonko MOTIONED and Commissioner MacClintic seconded to accept the meeting minutes from the June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: 3 in favor (MacClintic, Mayne, and Bielonko) and 1 abstain (Tracey) Motion passed.

Public Comment

Sara Zak from the Suffield Historical Society Board of Trustees addressed the Commission regarding 232 South Main Street. The building has been declared unsafe and not condemned. The Historical Society attempted to do what needed to be done on the property. A conditional approval is different from the notes from the February 5, 2024 meeting. It was asked at that meeting that in a three month timeframe to present the HDC with a plan for demolition.

Kathy Bielonko 981 East Street North – Ms. Bielonko expressed her strong disappointment that the stables at 232 South Main Street were demolished.

Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness

- a. 1217 Hill St. - Miscellaneous Steeple and Window Repair – First Baptist Church

There is rot in the NW corner of the base of the steeple. They are looking to install new 2 X 8's on both sides of the steeple. The rotted wood will be replaced without making any change in the appearance of the building. There was a woodchuck issue in the sanctuary where the animal damaged the lower panes of the windows. Albert Grant will do the proposed work. Commission Bielonko made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Commission Tracy seconded. All in favor; motion passed 4:0.

Informal Review

- a. 55 S. Main St. – Porch Repair Inquiry at Hathway House

The post on the front porch in front of the Pine Room will be replaced. It will look exactly as it does now but make it more structurally sound. There was discussion of having a historic firm detach the top of the fence, fix it, and replace it to match in kind. The Commission stated that an application is needed for next month's meeting.

New Business

Commissioner Bielonko asked Commissioner Mayne to please forward the email information from the Town Attorney so the Commission could discuss it at the next meeting.

St. Joseph's Church – there appeared to be an HVAC installed and work is being completed on the inside of the rectory.

11 High Street – the new sign has not been put up yet.

565 Mapleton – there is a rock wall being installed and this property which is in the historic district of Suffield. Commissioner Mayne will follow up with the building department to see if a permit has been issued.

Adjournment

Commissioner Tracey MOTIONED and Commissioner MacClintic seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin
Recording Secretary