

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2012
Delancey Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Gracie
Marcia Rockwood
John Malone
Francis Tuoti, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debby Moore
Gail Pantezzi
Steve LaRocca

ALSO PRESENT: Susie Thompson, Town Historian
Janice Will, Recording Secretary

Chairman Francis Tuoti called the meeting to order. He asked if the 5 pm. meeting time is a problem for anyone.

Susie Thompson said she thought it was difficult for Steve LaRocca to get there by 5, and Linda Gracie commented that he is working on some big projects.

Ms. Thompson wondered if the problem is 5 pm or just heavy work-load.

The Chairman asked the secretary to check with Mr. LaRocca, and the Commission agreed that it might be necessary to change the time of their meetings.

Stone Wall Preservation

Supervisor Warren Lucas entered the conference room, stating that the condition of the stone wall across the street is worse all the time.

Ms. Thompson asked if the police could be alerted to the problem, but Supervisor Lucas said the stones are being taken at night/a camera would be needed.

Ms. Thompson suggested placing a notice in the next Town newsletter, asking residents to be aware of the problem of people taking stones from the walls in Town.

Ms. Gracie showed the Supervisor a booklet about stone walls in Bedford, and John Malone said Redding, CT has a law on the books to protect their stone walls.

The Supervisor said he wants a reasonable legislation for North Salem and he will look at the Redding law to see if it can be re-worked for North Salem.

Ms. Gracie noted that the Keeler Hill subdivision by-laws state that residents cannot disturb or remove any old stone walls without permission/agreement by a majority of association members. She added that Ms. Thompson has a book that may include a model law.

New Consideration: Historic Designation of South Façade of Highway Garage

The HPC looked at photos of the attractive arched doorway on the south side of the Highway Department Garage. Noting that the building has served as the Highway Garage for over 60 years and will be re-configured for continued Town use by the Court and Police Department when the Highway Department moves to a new building, the Commission agreed that it would be worth designating the south façade in order to preserve the architectural integrity of the doorway.

Ms. Gracie, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Malone will meet to work on an application to be discussed at their September meeting (and public hearing of the application), after which the HPC will recommend the designation to the Town Board.

Possible Historic Designation: Clark Scott Mill, 4 Keeler Lane

Ms. Gracie stated that the owner of the property, Sharon Brownridge, has been away. Ms. Gracie will call her and ask if she's given any more thought to historic designation of her property; if Ms. Brownridge is interested, Ms. Gracie will ask her if the HPC may visit her home.

Possible Historic Designation: Mills Road

Chairman Tuoti stated that Amy Rosmarin has not gotten back to the HPC about her correspondence with the DEP, so she probably has not had a response yet.

Mile Markers

Linda Gracie passed around photographs she took of the 3 mile markers in Town. She said she agreed with a point raised in the past by Debby Moore that putting markers/plaques at the mile markers could attract vandals. Ms. Gracie thought just designating the markers would be enough to point up their historical importance and help to protect them.

Mr. Malone suggested announcing the designations in the Historical Society newsletter.

Ms. Gracie said she wants to see the markets acknowledged, and she will prepare an application.

Ms. Thompson pointed out that the mile markers on 116 and Grant Road are on State roads, so the HPC would not be able to put markers on them any way.

Rochambeau's March

It was suggested that everyone read an article by Warren Kass in the past Historical Society bulletin that's in the file.

The Chairman commented that Bruce Buchholtz and Gail Pantezzi were to be working on this project, so the HPC would wait to hear what they have to say at the September meeting.

Possible Purdys Historic District

It was agreed to put this project on hold until after the designation of Mills Road.

Approval of June 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Thompson pointed out an error in the first subject heading, which the secretary noted for correction.

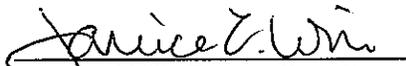
Motion to approve corrected minutes: Linda Gracie

Second: John Malone

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 4

Motion to adjourn (6:10 pm): John Malone

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Will, Recording Secretary