Woodstock Historic District Commission Regular Meeting via Zoom Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Minutes

- 1. Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Usher. Present: Commission Members Gail Usher, Earl Manz, Harold Bishop, Stan Swanson, and Tim Monahan; prospective new members Patrick Mule and Karen Olah; members of the public Jean McClellan; Town Technology Anthony Pezzetti.
- 2. Appointment of alternates: Stan Swanson
- 3. Review of Minutes: January 27, 2021. Motion to approve the minutes by Stan Swanson; seconded by Harold Bishop. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Correspondence: Correspondence was received as follows: Alexandra Lyman concerning roof project, Connecticut Circuit Rider, Lynn Smith concerning records of the WHDC, Judith Gries concerning orchard project, and Doug Young regarding items needed for future meeting.
- 5. Public Comment: Patrick Mule regarding the parking lot of the Evangelical Church and that he has notified the First Selectman of Woodstock; also concerning discussion had with representatives of the Church.

Jean McClellan concerning 599 Route 169 expressed her concern that it is important that the WHDC continue to give certificates of appropriateness before work is done on a project falling within the WHDC's jurisdiction.

6. Project Consultations: None.

7. Old Business

599 Route 169. Gail Usher has emailed the owners and also telephoned them but has not heard back from them. The Circuit Rider will be coming to look at 599 Route 169 within the next week or two to provide the WHDC with action options based on the Commission's enforcement powers to enforce the stipulations that were given for some parts of the project. Also, the WHDC needs to obtain certificates of appropriateness for work that has already been done. Commission members are requested to drive by 599 Route 169 prior to the next meeting to observe the porch railings, gates, signs on the barns, and placement of sales inventory on the property in violation of the stipulations that were made by the Commission.

New members. Prospective new members Karen Olah and Patrick Mule were offered an opportunity to express the reasons that they are interested in becoming Commission members and to ask questions concerning the activities and authority of the Commission. Each spoke in turn and a discussion concerning Commission activities and authority took place.

8. New Business:

Budget Approval. Gail Usher presented the budget request for the annual budget. It reflects a \$35 increase from the current year due to an increase in the costs of legal notices. The total budget request will be \$880 for the year. Motion to approve the budget made by Earl Manz, seconded by Harold Bishop. Unanimous approval.

New Members. Motion to approve as new members Karen Olah and Patrick Mule made by Earl Manz, seconded by Harold Bishop. Unanimous approval.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Stan Swanson; seconded by Harold Bishop. Unanimous approval at 7:47.

Respectfully submitted by Earl Manz, Acting Clerk.

These minutes may be published but the Commission does not approve them until the next regular meeting. The link to the Zoom meeting is at https://youtu.be/vlcLR7tr4pE.