

Historic District & Historic Properties Commission
Minutes of Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Present: Power Boothe, Joann Hohensee, Greg Marshall, Carole Romano
Absent: Peter Brazaitis IV, Bree Gurin
Also present: Jason & Sarah Urso,

Alternate Power Boothe seated as a regular for Peter Brazaitis. Quorum established. Meeting opened at 7:03 PM by Chairman Romano.

1. Discussion of wood burning furnace with Jason & Sarah Urso, 76 Harmony Hill Road. The homeowners presented photos, product information, and an elevation sketch for Commission members to review. The house, built sometime in the late 1770s, was the former home of children's author Lois Lenski and her artist husband Arthur Covey. The stainless steel flue pipe is manufactured by Dura Tech and will be capped. The flue for the wood burning furnace would run up through 2 closets to the rear side of the roof (east side). It would project 2 feet above the ridge line as required by code. Mr. Urso explained that if the central chimney was used for the flue it would render the fireplaces useless. With no further questions for the homeowners, the Commission went into executive session. All members were in favor of the plans as presented. All members were in agreement that a public hearing would not be necessary since the flue will be internal and project from the rear of the house, with approximately one foot, seven inches of pipe visible. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued. An application for the work was filled out and will be placed on file along with the photos and other information.

2. Painting & Re-glazing Windows at the Jason Skinner House. The US Dept. of Agriculture has notified the Commission that the Harwinton Housing Authority has applied for a grant for the painting and re-glazing of 12 windows at the Jason Skinner House at Wintergreen Circle. Although not part of the Town's historic districts, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic which makes the project eligible for Federal funds. A USGS topographical map, aerial photograph, project notification form, and property record were available to review by the Commission. Members present agreed that this was an appropriate maintenance project, and our response will be emailed to the State Environmental Coordinator as requested.

3. Annual Report. Carole & Joann will work on the Commission's report for 2014-2015 fiscal year and submit it as soon as possible to the Board of Finance.

4. Historic District Outreach. No further surveys were received. A letter of acknowledgment will be sent to those who participated.

5. Other Business. Carole submitted a voucher of \$1.64 for postage costs of mailing out a handbook. All in favor.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 @ 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joann Hohensee, Secretary
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