

Harwinton Historic District and Historic Properties Commission
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, October 17, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Present: Peter Brazaitis IV, Bree Gurin, Joann Hohensee, Greg Marshall, Carole Romano

Absent: Power Boothe

Also present: Tim Pikiell; Father Michael Ruminski, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church;
Josee Albertson-Grove, Reporter, Republican-American

Quorum established. Meeting opened at 7:05 pm by Chairman Carole Romano.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Hearing for Application #88 for Certificate of Appropriateness

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, #6 and #14 Birge Park Road, submitted an application to raze the former church school brick building that is located at the north side of property, on the edge of the parking area. (Note: The IHOM Church is now called Our Lady of Hope Parish). The legal ad which appeared in the October 9, 2017 edition of the Republican American was read. Four certified/return receipt notifications were sent to district residents within 200 feet. Mr. Tim Pikiell of Pikiell & Son, LLC of Bristol was present on behalf of the church to explain the scope of the project, including the abatement process. Father Michael Ruminski, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church was also present and provided a history of the school. The school was built in 1966 on a slab foundation, and for the past ten to fifteen years has been unusable and vacant because of mold and water damage and the presence of asbestos. A preliminary hazmat study of the building was begun in 2011. Any architectural features of the building worth saving have been removed. Once the building is taken down there will be a final grading of the site and grass will be planted in the spring. With no further questions, a motion was made to approve or disapprove the project. All members present voted in favor.

Sign Update

The HDC sign by the Recreation Area entrance will be taken down for the winter because it's been severely impacted by the snow plows each winter. Greg Marshall has volunteered to store it. A search will be made for a local vendor to replace the wrought iron hanger.

Annual Report

The Commission's Annual Report for 2016-2017 has been completed and copies were distributed for members to review. The report will be submitted to the Town Clerk.

Other Business

The Commission is seeking to fill a vacancy for an alternate member living within the Historic District.

Chairman Romano informed the Commission that she was contacted by the new owner of the residence at 48 South Road for information regarding placing a wrought iron gate in front of the stone wall and pillars at beginning of the driveway.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Secretary
Harwinton Historic District and Historic Properties Commission

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