



WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town Hall - Room 312

Monday, 24th February, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting - Minutes

Commissioners Present: Mitch Lewis, Chair/Secretary; Kevin Flood, Vice-Chair; Aileen Bastos, Member; Robert Garrey, Member; Sherri Schwartz, Member; Karl Fransson, Alternate; Brian Clemow, Alternate and Matt Schreck, Alternate.

Absent: None.

Chair Lewis called the West Hartford Historic District Commission (“WHHDC”) to order at 7:31 p.m., then introduced the Board Commissioners to those in attendance and gave a brief description of the WHHDC’s meeting agenda and procedures.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Lewis introduced the Fleischer Certificate of Appropriateness Application (“COA”).

Chair Lewis moved to open discussion on the Fleischer COA and was seconded.

Keith Fleischer, new owner of 1558 Boulevard, COA to install two new mini split condensers to the Raymond Road side of the house with accompanying conduit. The proposed project as amended is to install two new mini split condensers to the east side of the house on either side of the chimney and to run conduit in a manner that reduces impact. Quentin Eastman of Nutmeg Mechanical Services, Inc., contractor for the project, and Mr. Fleischer shared sketches and walked Commissioners through the proposal with an eye towards minimizing impact. Commissioners also noted that that side of the house is presently screened by mature hedges along the sidewalk with a tasteful wooden pergola and Koi pond set in between as well.

REGULAR MEETING

Deliberation of Public Hearing Item:

Keith Fleischer, new owner of 1558 Boulevard, COA to install two new mini split condensers to the Raymond Road side of the house with accompanying conduit.

Move to adopt the COA as amended was made by Bastos, and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Flood, Bastos, Garrey, and Schwartz.

Vote: The vote was unanimous in favor.

The **motion carried** and Chair Lewis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of 27th January, 2025 was made by Mr. Clemow, and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Flood, Bastos, Schwartz, and Fransson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Updates

Commissioners Bastos and Schreck shared their draft letter to the owner of the Belden House, located at 139 Mountain Road, informing them that there are financial incentives available to restore and/or renovate properties on the State Historic Register of which this is one. This towards ensuring it's sustained historic future. The letter will be reviewed by appropriate parties and when approved, sent under WHHDC masthead.

Another draft notification/open letter to the public is in the works to promote the WHHDC's mission and our work within the community. It has been some time since the WHHDC has outreached the community and feels it an opportune time to refresh folks awareness for the work we do with the individual properties and neighborhoods we presently oversee. We are also interested in gauging community and owner reception to exploring expanding the WHHDC footprint to additional new properties and neighborhoods as appropriate. We envision some notice about this in an upcoming issue of We-Ha.com and will connect with Ronni Newton, editor for next steps towards getting the word out.

Move to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:31 p.m. by Mr. Schreck, and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be held on Monday 24th March, 2025 in Town Hall Room 312 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitch Lewis Historic District Commission Chair/Secretary