



WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town Hall - Room 312

Monday, 24th March, 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; Brian Clemow, Alternate and Matt Schreck, Alternate.

Absent: Karl Fransson, Alternate

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 24th February, 2025 was made by Mr. Clemow, and seconded.

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

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 and chair signature.

The WHHDC is intent on increasing community awareness for the work we do and the positive impact we have fostering the the architectural character, heritage and built environment identity and pride in the designated districts we serve and support. In the spirit of this stewardship we plan on connecting with the Hartford Golf Course Historic District property owners to discuss the benefits and considerations of having these neighborhoods incorporated within WHHDC oversight. We believe that WHHDC stewardship, knowledge transfer and exchanging of best practices with homeowners around preservation, repairs and alteration will ensure the valuable protection necessary towards maintaining the distinctive architectural character of these historic neighborhoods. The WHHDC is proud of our track record of stewardship for our existing stable of individual historic properties and historic districts and, again, feels it’s an opportune time to expand community awareness for the work we do and the impact we’ve made to enhance the

appearance and authentic character for our historic district neighborhoods and individual historic properties.

Move to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:25 p.m. by Mr. Clemow, and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be held on Monday 28th April, 2025 in Town Hall Room 312 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "MLewis".

Mitch Lewis Historic District Commission Chair/Secretary