



Issued: May 19, 2026

WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
*****REGULAR MEETING MINUTES*****
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
ROOM 312, TOWN HALL, WEST HARTFORD, CT

ATTENDANCE: Chair: Aileen Bastos; Vice Chair: Robert Garrey; Commissioner Matthew Schreck. Alternate: John Sherman; Town Staff: Robert Gosselin, Associate Planner

ABSENT: Commissioners: Sherri Schwartz; Alternate: Brian Clemow

Sherman seated on all items.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:30 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

2. **1563 Boulevard** – Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted by Tracy Neumann (R.O.), requesting approval to add handrails to the recently approved front porch steps. Proposed handrails and guards to be metal with two style options presented for consideration, per materials submitted.

The hearing was opened and meeting conducted. Motion to close the public hearing: **Commissioner Garrey; Second: Commissioner Sherman, Public Hearing Closed; Vote 5-0**

REGULAR MEETING:

3. **DELIBERTION OF PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. **1563 Boulevard** – Certificate of Appropriateness:

After discussion and deliberation on this application, the WHHDC acted by **unanimous vote (5-0)** [Motion/Garrey; Second/ Bastos] to **GRANT** the Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions of approval:

1. This approval is for step replacement option A, which keeps the design of the steps as approved under the prior COA but reduces the width from 8’ to 7’.
2. This approval is for the Handrail and Guardrail design #1, which is the left option as demonstrated in the submitted materials.

4. **DETERMINATION IF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS IS REQUIRED**

a. None

5. **DEMOLITION PERMIT – DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

a. None

6. **MINUTES**

a. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026 – Motion to Approve: Garrey; Second: Schreck; Sherman Recused. **Vote 4- 0. Minutes Approved**

7. **COMMISSION MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

a. None

8. **STAFF REPORT**

a. Associate Planner provided an update on administrative changes. – **No Action Taken by the Commission**

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a. None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:59 P.M. Motion/Garrey; Second/Sherman: Vote 5-0

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