

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD**

**MEETING MINUTES: March 2, 2015**

The meeting of the Historic District Commission of East Hartford, Connecticut was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A on the first floor of Town Hall by Chair David Holmes. On a roll call by Secretary, Margaret Byrnes:

PRESENT: Vice Chair Travis Simpson, Alternate Jeffrey Cummings, Adrian Spence, Alternate Theresa Godreau, Margaret Byrnes, Chairman David Holmes and Alternate Joshua Quintana

ABSENT: Mary Manns and Alternate Joshua Quintana

ALSO PRESENT: Liaison, Paul O'Sullivan

Alternate Jeffrey Cummings was appointed a voting member by Chairman Holmes for this meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Spence to accept the June 2, 2014 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. Cummings. Vote was unanimous and uncontested.

MOTION by Mr. Simpson to accept the June 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Ms. Byrnes. Vote was unanimous and uncontested.

COMMUNICATIONS: The communications listed on the agenda were discussed and distributed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/RESIDENTS TO SPEAK: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING WITH SOUTH WINDSOR RE; HISTORIC DISTRICT ON LONG HILL: Chair Holmes and Mr. O'Sullivan met with Gary Pitcock of the South Windsor Historic Commission on December 2, 2014. Mary Dunne from the State Historic Preservation Office was also in attendance. This evening, Commission members discussed the idea of starting a Historic District on Long Hill that would start in South Windsor. There would only be 5 houses included in the East Hartford section of the Long Hill Historic District and they are not contiguous. Mr. Simpson made a MOTION to have the Commission contact the 5 property owners in East Hartford to see if they have any interest in the District; seconded by Mr. Spence. Mr. O'Sullivan and Chair Holmes will draft a letter to the property owners.

400 MAIN STREET – INTENT TO DEMOLISH FACTORY E, FACTORY F AND FACTORY H BUILDINGS FILED BY JEFFREY A. BRIDGMAN, MANAGER OF FACILITIES & SERVICES, PRATT & WHITNEY: Pratt & Whitney is demolishing several existing buildings in order to build a new corporate headquarters on the site, as well as a new engineering building. A short discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Commission to accept the scheduled demolitions without comment.

148 ROBERTS STREET – INTENT TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURE FILED BY JOYCE L. CARHLLI: This is the old Elks lodge and pavilion that was purchased by Greater Hartford Transit. Because the building and pavilion are in such bad condition, it would be best if they were demolished. After a short discussion, the Commission accepted the scheduled demolition without comment.

PAYMENTS:


1. Clerk (\$75)

MOTION by Ms. Byrnes to pay the above listed expenses; seconded by Mr. Cummings. Vote was unanimous and uncontested.

OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Mr. Simpson mentioned that there was a home for sale on Naubuc Avenue. Mr. Simpson also discussed the design for the new engineering building at Pratt & Whitney and how they used art deco style along with modern designs to match the existing structures. Also, Chair Holmes discussed the new Industrial Park slated for Sullivan Avenue in South Windsor which will have no impact on Historic Structures in the area.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mr. Spense to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Byrnes. Vote was unanimous and uncontested.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michelle Enman, clerk