

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Historic Review Committee
Friday, January 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Via GoToMeeting**

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In attendance: E. Disbrow, L. Hogarty, D. Meixell, B. Dodson (arrived late), D. Rich, G. Judge
Absent: J. Hutchins Visitors: J. Berardino, L. Lefko

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Approval of minutes
Hogarty moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2022 meeting as submitted. The motion, seconded by Meixell, carried.
3. Welcome new committee members
The committee welcomed two new members, Dennis Rich and Graig Judge, as well as the new first selectman Nancy Gorski, who serves in an ex officio capacity. Disbrow reviewed the two-fold charge: to encourage the preservation of historically significant buildings, and to enforce the demolition delay ordinance.

Disbrow explained that in recent years, applications came before the committee for buildings that were in such deep disrepair that they could not be saved. The committee has placed a renewed emphasis on emphasizing the preservation portion of the charge by helping to promote an understanding of the significance of historical buildings to town residents and property owners. There was discussion about steps taken toward these efforts.

4. Old business:
 - A. Pending application
Disbrow used the pending application at 270 Green Hill Road to illustrate how the process works, and to report that the structure has not been demolished.
 - B. Schedule of meetings for 2022
There was brief discussion exploring the possibility of evening meetings. Alternate members Rich and Judge were seated to consider and vote on the following schedule.
Hogarty moved to approve the following schedule of meetings. Rich seconded.

Regular meetings of the Historic Review Committee will be held virtually at 11:00 a.m until further notice. Special meetings for application review and site visits are called as needed.

*Special meeting: Friday, February 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Regular meetings: Friday, March 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, April 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, July 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, August 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, September 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, October 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, November 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, December 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.*

Voting in favor: Rich, Hogarty, Meixell, Disbrow Abstaining: Judge Motion passed.

5. New Business

A. Killingworth Inn

The Killingworth Inn, a key component of the town's historic center, has recently been sold. Disbrow noted that when any known historically significant building changes hands, this committee, along with the building official, will seek to inform new owners that the town, through its Plan of Conservation and Development, seeks to preserve such buildings. The new owner Jay Berardino, was present and confirmed that the building official did, in fact, review the ordinance with him.

Killingworth Historical Society president Ken Wodatch was invited to consider that group's participation in this effort, by helping to research and promote the history of properties such as the Inn. Wodatch enthusiastically agreed that this is a worthwhile endeavor and has consulted with Town Historian Tom Lentz about creating displays and regular articles in local media. He will present the project to the KHS January meeting. Lentz was not present for this discussion; the committee members expressed condolences on the recent passing of Tom's wife, Judy.

Hogarty described her (along with J.Hutchins) ongoing effort to cross index the Killingworth's Survey of Architecturally Significant Buildings to more easily identify historic sites in town. She suggested that the KHS could work with the local schools and area college students in promoting the histories of some of these sites.

6. Adjournment

Hogarty moved adjournment at 11:20 a.m. The motion, seconded by Meixell, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Disbrow on 1/18/2022.