

Town of Durham
Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 1, 2005

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Chairman Alan Reed at the Durham Public Library.

Roll Call: Members present: Trish Dynia, Duncan Milne and Alan Reed. Alternates present: Linda Bertelsen and Clay Howe. Members Absent: Norman Jason, Gordon Wolfgang and George Zeeb.

Others Present: Eugene Chiappetta for Hans Pedersen

Seating of Alternates: Both alternates were seated.

New Business: Duncan Milne briefed the Commission on the August 10th preservation trust meeting he attended in New Haven. The focus of the meeting was on how to communicate with town officials and the public regarding historic district commission issues. To that end, Alan Reed volunteered to work on an informational letter to district members which could be mailed out or given to the Town Times as an open letter to all townspeople.

The Commission tentatively scheduled an October 22nd morning event to introduce Durham's new walking tour booklet. Clay Howe was asked to contact Dian McCain and Jim McLaughlin about the event. Trish Dynia will contact the Town Times and the First Selectwoman. More details will be discussed at the October meeting.

Tentative guidelines for signage and the installation of satellite dishes at homes along Main Street were discussed. Duncan Milne volunteered to research the sign issue. Trish Dynia volunteered to follow up on recent FCC regulations regarding satellite dishes.

Old Business: Gene Chiappetta, of the Durham Fair Association, spoke regarding the installation of a fence at 68 Main Street. Mr. Chiappetta explained that the fence was installed because the State of Connecticut requires chain link fences at all daycare centers. Mr. Chiappetta and Hans Pedersen are looking purchasing a more traditional fence which would be placed in front of the existing chain link. Mr. Chiappetta will fill out a new application and bring fencing samples to the October meeting.

The Chairman read into the record letters he had sent out to residents regarding satellite dishes and chain link fences. Members agreed that consistency regarding both issues is very important. Those who have installed fencing and satellite dishes without applying for a certificate of appropriateness will be contacted and told to apply now.

The Commission briefly discussed brochure cost issues as well as the need to submit a final report on the grant.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Clay Howe, seconded by Duncan Milne, to approve the August 4, 2005 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with Trish Dynia abstaining.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia

Cc: Town Clerk