

**Town of Durham**  
**Historic District Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
*Thursday, January 4, 2007*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM by Chairman Duncan Milne at the Durham Public Library.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Trish Dynia, Norman Jason, Duncan Milne and Sue Woodson. Alternates Present: Clay Howe. Members Absent: Linda Bertelsen, Gordon Wolfgang and George Zeeb.

**Others Present:** Applicants Armand and Ellen LaPointe, co-applicant Robert Babjak, and Main Street resident Daniel Dykas.

**Seating of Alternates:** Clay Howe was seated.

**Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Trish Dynia, seconded by Sue Woodson, to approve the agenda as published. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Legal Notice:** Chairman Milne read the call of the public hearing as published in the Middletown Press.

**Presentation of APCOA #326, Tear Down and New Construction at 174 Main Street:** After a brief discussion, the membership first determined that the issue to be decided this evening was simply whether or not the applicant would receive permission to tear down the existing house. With that issue resolved, the chairman would close the public hearing and conduct an informal discussion with the applicant regarding the re-build.

After determining that the ca. 1850 house was dangerously run down, had no significant historic value, and no longer contained any original elements, the Commission took the following action:

*A motion was made by Norman Jason, seconded by Trish Dynia, to allow the applicant to tear down the existing house. The motion passed unanimously.*

**The regular meeting was re-convened at 8:22 PM.**

**Call to Order/Seating of Alternates:** The Chairman noted that the same members were present and seated.

**Informal Discussion, Construction at 174 Main Street:** Co-applicant Robert Babjak submitted a drawing showing possible design features for the house to be constructed at

174 Main Street. Members noted that although there was no particular objection to any of the design elements in the drawing, no action would be taken until a formal application, with simple drawings to include four elevations, has been received.

**Annual Budget:** Chairman Milne announced that he would be presenting a zero increase budget to the Board of Finance.

**Election of Officers:** *A motion was made by Sue Woodson, seconded by Clay Howe, to re-elect the following officers: Duncan Milne, Chairman; Trish Dynia, Vice-Chairman; Linda Bertelsen, Clerk. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Meeting Dates:** *A motion was made by Clay Howe, seconded by Trish Dynia, to approve the following 2007 meeting dates: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 12, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Public Safety Grant:** Chairman Milne announced that First Selectman Jim McLaughlin would be submitting the application on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Concerns:** Clay Howe noted that the Commission should plan another guided walk along Main Street to highlight the walking tour brochure. Trish Dynia expressed concerns regarding lights at Town Hall. Duncan Milne noted that he would follow up on each of these items.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tabled.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia  
Clerk

*Cc: Town Clerk, Building Inspector*