

Woodstock Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting - Woodstock Town Hall  
October 26, 2015, 8:00 p.m.  
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 8:04 by Chair Gail White Usher; Present: Gail White Usher, Harold Bishop, Tim Monahan, Lynn Smith, Dan Atwood, Harold Bishop, and Alternate Christine Lessig.  
Public: Tom Chase & Chris Stanford.
2. Appointment of alternates – NA
3. Review of Minutes: Motion to approve September 28, 2015 minutes by Harold Bishop, seconded by Lynn Smith. Unanimous approval.
4. Public Hearing:  
**Continuation of Public Hearing:** Woodstock Academy, Academy Rd, Woodstock, CT; for installation of handicap accessibility for Bracken Library  
Chris Stanford, Woodstock Academy Headmaster, presented proposal:
  - Elevate the sidewalk to the lip of the step. Use the bricks to elevate.
  - Four walkways will come together at landing pad in center.
  - Door is not being changed at this time for it is wide enough for wheelchair accessibility.**Closed hearing:** Motion was made by Dan Atwood & second by Harold Bishop - Approved  
**Motion to approve application** was made by Tim Monahan with a second by Dan Atwood – Unanimous approval - motions carries.
5. Correspondence  
CT Preservation October news magazine – shared and passed around
6. Public Comment – None
7. Project Consultations
  1. WA barn by Cutler house – Chris Stanford requested input from the Commission on options for addressing the barn.  
Building inspector has deemed barn unsafe
    - WA has estimate for restoration that is expensive
    - WA would be willing to donate the barn in return for removal from the property, the preference is that the barn stay in Woodstock
    - WA is investigating options to remove barn from property
    - WHDC recommended that the property be documented with pictures and dimensions of the footprint. WA would be responsible to clean up after removal and remove debris
    - WHDC recommends WA submit an application for demolition of barn.
  2. WA owned Cottage – 30 Child Hill Road – preliminary plans for outside upgrade. The exterior siding is rotting and the building is uninsulated. Chris Stanford asked what the

process would be to replace siding with wood, new roof and new windows. Windows are rotting and sills may need work once it is opened up. There are approximately four different styles of windows on the property. WHDC provided some recommendations to WA and suggested they put in an application for the project and include windows, roof (architectural shingles with weathered look) ridge vents, gutters, chimney flashing etc.

8. Old Business

- Resident Program January/Feb 2016 – *'Memories of growing up on the Woodstock Hill'*. Dan Atwood provided an update. Jock McClellan would recruit others to participate and would be a participant himself. Tom Chase will serve as moderator with possible dates: Feb 7, Feb 21, Feb 28, 2016
- Historic District signs – Table item to next meeting. Christine recommended that we keep it simple and in theme with FCCW's sign. Members should bring ideas to the November meeting.

9. New Business

Copies of the Woodstock Historic District Study are needed for new residents.  
Christine will update resident list with Town Hall list.

10. Adjourn 8:52PM Motion by Tim Monahan and second by Harold Bishop – unanimous approval