

Historic District Commission  
Minutes  
Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2013

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Members Present: G. Bruhn, D. Spencer, and L. Dyson

New Business: None

Old Business:

Status of fence at 981 Storrs Road, Spring Hill Historic District was discussed. The issue resides with the town, as the Building Inspector was involved during construction of the fence. Consultation with town attorney, Dennis O'Brien will be necessary.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

A special meeting will be held on Jan. 7, at the request of Dennis O'Brien, to discuss the sign for the Congregational Church.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bruhn,  
Chair

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

To The Review Board,

I am Jannabeth Johnson's immediate next door neighbor to the north at 989 Storrs Road in Mansfield. I have owned my home since 2004. One of the main reasons I bought my home was the unique and classic nature of the historic district in town. I appreciate that Mansfield preserves these areas and wanted to join such a neighborhood. I am dismayed that a large, solid barrier fence was recently erected between Ms. Johnson's house and her immediate next door neighbor to the south. The fence abruptly cuts off the open expanse of nature and disrupts the historic stone walls that have been part of this district for centuries. The panoramic views of nature along with the natural stone walls are important

feature of our neighborhood. The fence changed the look and feel of our historic district neighborhood. I am distressed that it was erected without any conversation between neighbors to see if we could develop an outcome meet everyone's interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Note: Ms. Johnson's letter will be submitted separately to the Town Clerk.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Minutes – November meeting
- 2) Update – fence at 981 Storrs Road, Spring Hill Historic District
- 3) Historic District Commission document
- 4) Other

**New Business:**

- 1) Jan. 7 Proposed Special Meeting Date re: First Church of Christ litigation
- 2) Public Comments
- 3) Other