

Historic District Commission
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Minutes
Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 2014

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Members Present: G. Bruhn, A. Bacon, D. Spencer, J. McGarry

Non-Members Present: JoAnn Paul, L. Roshko, John Carrington

New Business:

- 1) The new Public Works Director, John Carrington was introduced to the members. G. Bruhn described the 3 historic districts in Mansfield, noting the importance of the Spring Hill and Mansfield Center districts for the Public Works Dept., since Rte 195 runs through the center of both. Issues related to the walking path through the Mansfield Center district as well as the need to replace temporary chairs in the bus stops were raised. Mr. Carrington was aware of both issues and will do further research. He will get back to us in Sept. for ideas related to alternative surface materials for the walking path.

Old Business:

- 1) G. Bruhn updated the members on the status of the fence at 981 Storrs Road. Curt Hirsch sent a "cease and desist" letter to L. Rosko on May 23, stating that the fence had to be removed.

Ms. Roshko stated that she had received the letter, and that Mr. Hirsch had visited her property. She stated that the fence was in compliance with building dept. regulations, but that it did not comply with historic district regulations. Ms. Roshko has removed part of the fence, but she stated that Mr. Hirsch did not believe the entire fence needed to be removed. The Commission pointed out that this was not what the letter stated.

Attorney Paul, representing the 985 Storrs Road neighbor, proposed arranging a meeting with Ms. Roshko, the neighbor and the surveyor over the summer, after the entire fence is removed. The intended outcome would be to come up with a proposal for the area between the properties, which might include landscaping, an alternative fence and perhaps stone wall reconstruction, which would be satisfactory to all parties. Attorney Paul stressed that the offer is only available after the entire fence is removed.

The Commission explained to Ms. Roshko that a complete application for a new fence, along with detailed design plans and examples of materials to be used will be required by the Commission before a public hearing and approval can be

considered. G.Bruhn will mail the application form to Ms. Roshko. The Commission is also available to aid Ms. Roshko in her planning process.

- 2) Minutes of the May 20 Special Meeting were approved.
- 3) Jason McGarry informed the Commission that he would resign immediately from the Commission, due to the fact that he and his family are moving to western Connecticut. Commission members expressed thanks to Jason for all he has done for the Commission as both an alternate and regular member. His service will be missed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bruhn,
Chair

Note: After the meeting G. Bruhn contacted C. Hirsch who said that he did not imply to Ms. Roshko that she did not need to take down the entire fence. He intends to proceed with enforcement.