

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present:	G. Bruhn, L. Kruger, E. Spencer
Members Absent:	D. Spencer
Alternates Present:	M. Mitoma
Staff Present:	L. Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Derek Dilaj, Acting Public Works Director/Town Engineer; E. Galbraith, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Bruhn called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present are Bruhn, Kruger and E. Spencer and alternate Mitoma who was seated for absent members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Spencer MOVED, Kruger seconded approval of the March 25, 2020 minute as presented.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Improvements to Intersection of Storrs Road (Route 195) and Warrenville Road (Route 89) (Mansfield Center Historic District)

Painter noted that the proposed improvements are being presented to the HDC for comment pursuant to Sec. 7-147c(j)(7), C.G.S., which authorizes the HDC to “render advice on sidewalk construction and repair, tree planting, street improvements, and the erection or alteration of public buildings not otherwise under its control where they affect historic districts.” Painter also advised Kruger and Mitoma that they may have a conflict of interest based on proximity of their property to the proposed improvements; however, it is the responsibility of the members to determine whether they have a conflict that requires recusal.

Ryszard Szczypek, Mehmet Sahin and Jeffrey Brown, TSKP Studio; Tory Sidoti and Paul DiStefano, Milone and MacBroom, Paul DiStefano, Milone & MacBroom; and Derek Dilaj, Acting Public Works Director, presented an overview of proposed improvements to the intersection of Storrs Road and Warrenville Road to improve traffic operations. Members asked questions regarding the improvements and impacts on historic resources, particularly the stone wall in front of the First Church of Christ as well as whether HDC approval would be required for any alterations to the stone wall.

Painter consulted with the Town Attorney off-line during the meeting and indicated that as the stone wall is located within the state right-of-way, a certificate of appropriateness would not be needed for any alterations to the stone wall.

Members identified the following comments and concerns regarding the proposed street improvements:

- **Stone Wall Reconstruction.** Members requested that the following be adhered to as part of any relocation/reconstruction of the stone wall located in front of the First Church of Christ:
 - Minimize relocation of the wall to the greatest extent possible.
 - Require the stones to be salvaged and reused as part of any reconstruction.
 - Require the wall to be reconstructed using the same techniques as the original construction (dry-laid, no mortar/concrete, no modern construction techniques)
- **Sign Clutter.** Members identified a concern with existing sign clutter as well as potential new signs as part of the project and requested that the Town and CTDOT explore the potential for reducing and/or eliminating signs as part of the project, including consolidation of signs onto a single post when possible.

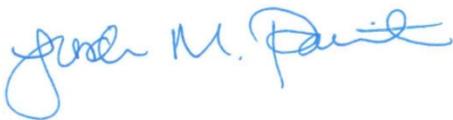
Mitoma MOVED/E. Spencer seconded to authorize the Chair to submit comments on the proposed alterations as discussed on behalf of the Historic District Commission.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Bruhn adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development