

Borough of Newtown Historic District

Borough of Newtown Historic District Commission
Meeting minutes 1-9-2020

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Discussion and Possible Action:
 - Schedule of Borough of Newtown Historic District Commission regular meetings for 2020
- Public participation
- Adjournment

Notice of this special meeting was posted on the door of Borough office at Edmond Town Hall on January 4, 2020.

Present

- Historic District:
 - Stephanie Gaston, Chair; Betsy Kenyon, Vice Chair; Mark Poirier, Secretary; Chuck Fulkerson, Commissioner; Ellie Whalen, Commissioner
- Public:
 - George Whalen, 65 Main Street

The special meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

The commission reviewed minutes of its most recent meeting, which was held October 3, 2019. Chuck Fulkerson made a motion to approve the minutes without alteration (attached). The motion was seconded by Betsy Kenyon, then approved unanimously.

The commission then discussed a schedule of regular monthly meetings, and agreed to meet on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning January 15, 2020. Meetings to be held at 7 pm in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall.

Mark Poirier made a motion to approve this monthly plan. The motion was seconded by Mr Fulkerson, and adopted unanimously.

The approved schedule is:

January 15	February 19	March 18	April 15
May 20	June 17	July 15	August 19
September 16	October 21	November 18	December 16

There being no public participation, the hearing was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Poirier
Secretary

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October 3, 2019

Special Meeting of the Borough of Newtown Historic District Commission

Meeting minutes

[APPROVED by commission January 9, 2020]

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Discussion and Possible Action:

Preservation of Property – CGS Section 22a-15-19b – “Unreasonable destruction of historic structures listed on The National Register of Historic Places.

Adjournment

Notice of this special meeting was posted on the door of Borough office at Edmond Town Hall on October 1, 2019.

Present

Historic District:

Stephanie Gaston, Chair

Betsy Kenyon, Vice Chair

Mark Poirier, Secretary

Chuck Fulkerson, Commissioner

Ellie Whalen, Commissioner

Karen Boyle, Alternate

Public:

George Whalen, 65 Main Street

The special meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Stephanie Gaston asked for public participation. There being none, the commission reviewed minutes of public hearings held September 5, 2018 and January 24, 2019. Chuck Fulkerson made a motion to approve these minutes, Ellie Whalen seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Ms. Gaston initiated discussion of proposed demolition of the building at 19-21 Main Street (formerly the home of the Hawley family and most recently d/b/a the Mary Hawley Inn). No application is before the Historic District Commission at this time, but an application has been made to Borough Zoning Commission to rezone the property for use that would include demolition of the historic building.

The commission members discussed the historic merits of the property as a 19th Century building on Main Street and the home of 3 generations of the Booth and Hawley families, which played key roles in the town's development. A consensus was reached that

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elimination or removal of the building represented “unreasonable destruction” as described in C.G.S. Section 22a-15 through 19b.

The commission drafted a letter to Borough and Newtown Zoning. Mr Fulkerson emphasized the significance of the families who lived in the home, especially Mary Hawley, to the development of Newtown’s community.

Following an open reading of the letter, the commissioners all agreed to the content. Mr Poirier made a motion to approve and send the letter, Betsy Kenyon seconded it, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The hearing adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Poirier
Secretary