

Historic Review Committee
In-person meeting at Town Hall
Minutes

Friday, April 5, 2024

In attendance: In person: Elizabeth Disbrow, Bruce Dodson, Joseph Hutchins, Lucinda Hogarty, Dave Meixell, Dennis Rich. Guest: Tom Lentz

1. Call to Order at 11:03
2. Approval of Minutes of February 2
Motion by Dodson, seconded by Rich. Passed
3. Pending/Upcoming applications
30 Chestnut Hill, condemned by Building Official, was recently purchased. New owner plans to renovate the house, hopefully the barn. Plans to come in to speak with HRC informally
4. Ordinance Update
Our ordinance giving the BOS the authority to offer tax abatements for historic properties under certain conditions passed at town meeting. Will become law on April 19.
5. Stone Wall preservation
Lots of stonewall building around town has prompted discussion about measures we can take to preserve them.
By way of introduction:
 - OLR RESEARCH: No CT law specifically protects or promote the preservation of stone walls. 3 municipalities (Harwinton, Mansfield and Redding,) have passed ordinances or regulationsDiscussion:
 - Pros and cons or ordinance (who would enforce?) v P and Z regulation, enforceable by ZEO. Explore both. Tom Lentz offered to investigate.
 - Ideas for promotion of preservation: Library display, articles
6. Adjournment. Moved by Disbrow, seconded by Hutchins. Passed. Adjourned at 11:44

Respectfully submitted by
Lucinda Hogarty