

MINUTES

Historic Review Committee

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Town Office Building

In attendance: E. Disbrow, J. Hutchins, B. Dodson Town Historian Tom Lentz

Absent: L. Hogarty, D. Meixell, D. Rich, , L. Lefko

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. Hutchins moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2024 be approved as submitted. The motion, seconded by Dodson, passed unanimously.
3. Preliminary application for 141 Route 81
Scott Porter, owner of 141 Route 812, submitted a preliminary application for review. The 1933 ranch house is in extreme disrepair and homeowner is considering extensive renovation or demolition. The committee applied the criteria for a “significant building” as described in the Chapter 238, Delay of Demolition Ordinance. After discussion there was concession that the structure does not meet any of the criteria.

Dodson moved that the proposed work at 141 Route 81 be permitted to proceed without further review from this committee. The motion, seconded by Hutchins, passed unanimously.
4. Pending/Upcoming applications
Potential applications from structure on Emanuel Church road and 44 Parker Hill Road were noted.
5. Stone wall ordinance
A draft of a proposed ordinance entitled “Protection and Preservation of Historic Stone Walls” presented by Town Historian Tom Lentz was reviewed and discussed. Hutchins proposed using the State of Connecticut's 1934 aerial photo survey as the basis for identifying historic walls; committee and town historian agreed. Further input will be collected and incorporated into the draft.
6. Public comments: none
7. Adjournment
8. Dodson moved adjournment at 11:31 a.m. The motion, seconded by Hutchins, passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Disbrow, Chair
5/3/2024