



TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Special Meeting

Historic Review Committee

Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Town Hall

Attending: Elizabeth Disbrow, Lucinda Hogarty, Dennis Rich, (seated alternate), Joseph Hutchins, Dave Meixell, Bruce Dodson Absent: Laura Lefko

1. Call to Order at 11:00
2. Approval of minutes:
 - a. Dodson moved and Rich seconded approval of Aug. 2024 minutes. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Hutchins moved and Rich seconded approval of Aug. 30, 2024 meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Disbrow made a motion and Hutchins seconded to amend Nov. 1, 2024 minutes to reflect the unanimous election of Disbrow as chair and Hogarty as secretary. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Disbrow moved and Rich seconded approval of Nov. 1 minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.
3. There are no pending applications. The two previous demolition delays have expired but both houses are still standing. Tax abatement may be an advantageous factor in owners' decision-making process.
4. Ordinance update is with the town attorney. The draft stonewall ordinance may be reevaluated with regard to the role of P and Z for enforcement reasons. There was also discussion about Scenic Road designation provisions and their enforcement, especially in conjunction with the stone walls. Elizabeth will discuss with P and Z.
5. Outreach plans for 2025.
 - Discussion included the idea of a "before and after" display showcasing a historic house under restoration. We also plan to include photos under our listing on the town webpage. We would like to have a workshop on how to research the history of old houses.
 - If there are funds available for printing, we would like a display in the meeting room of historic photos.
 - The idea of working with the Historical Society to sell house markers listing the date of the house to increase appreciation of the town's heritage was discussed.
 - With the upcoming national 250th anniversary, we may want to consider a program on Killingworth in 1775-76.
 - We hope to improve general understanding that this committee's goal is preservation as opposed to imposing roadblocks to improvements. Perhaps we could encourage an article on historic preservation to be written up for HK News.
4. Adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted

Lucinda Hogarty, Secretary