

Minutes
Historic District Commission
Wednesday, February 23, 2011
7:00p.m.
Lower Hearing Room
Adopted March 23, 2011

Members Present: Harvey Steiner, Linda Sternberg, Carolyn Famiglietti, Kenneth Sheytanian, John Hecker

Staff Present: Christopher Hayward

Public Present: See Attached Sign-In Form

Harvey Steiner chaired.

1. December Minutes – adopted.

2. Nominations and Elections of Officers

Nominations:

Carolyn Famiglietti nominated Steiner as Chair. Kenneth Sheytanian seconded the nomination.

Famiglietti nominated Robert Childs as Vice-Chair. Steiner seconded the nomination.

Linda Sternberg nominated Famiglietti as Secretary. Steiner seconded the nomination.

Elections:

By acclamation the following members were elected as officers:

Steiner, Chair

Childs, Vice Chair

Famiglietti, Secretary

3. Old Business

- a. **Signage** – Steiner presented handouts of possible designs for the HD identification signs. Locations for the signs were identified for the southern end, northern end and Common Street. Members are to identify three HD properties for inclusion in the sign by next meeting. Descriptive information of the properties will be needed. HC would like all sign information finalized by May.

4. New Business

- a. **Annual District Letter** – Sheytanian suggested sending the letter to attorneys who do business in the district. Staff to provide the HC with copies of the letter sent in 2010 for review at the next meeting.
- b. **Cable Coverage** –Christopher Hayward suggested that the Watertown Cable Access be contacted regarding information/promotion of the HD.
- c. **Fowle House Model** – Steiner has a dollhouse size model of the Fowle House that he won in a fundraiser. He is looking to donate it for educational use. Sternberg suggested the Watertown Library. This item is to be continued.

5. 72 Mount Auburn Street – HDO-10-11 Sign Amendment, Egilius Spierings, owner

Spierings believed he was scheduled to present his amendment request for the Certificate of Appropriateness HDO-10-11 issued for the signage at 72 Mt. Auburn Street. Steiner allowed the applicant to present his proposal. Spierings requested that his CA be amended to allow the sign material to be changed from white PVC to brushed aluminum with blue lettering. He noted he was able to locate brushed aluminum address numbers and that the address has been removed from the proposed sign's graphics.

Note: Sternberg moved to amend the CA HDO-10-11 for 72 Mt. Auburn to allow a brushed aluminum sign with blue lettering. Sheytanian seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.