

FALLS VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2025

In Person

Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society
44 Railroad St., Falls Village

Attending: Judy Jacobs, Bill Beebe, Richard Berzine, Annie Bidou, and Caitlin Jenkins.

- Caitlin served as acting recording secretary in the absence of Cheryl Aeschliman.
- Janell Mullen, Town Planning Consultant and Zoning Enforcement Officer, was also present as a consultant for the procedures on becoming a recognized commission.
- Annie was seated as an alternate in place of Cheryl – moved by Judy and seconded by Caitlin.

Judy put to motion to **approve the past minutes** from the last regular meeting on September 22, 2025, seconded by Bill, and passed unanimously.

Falls Village Historic District Report: Janell has been working on a draft of the Falls Village Historic District Report that the FV Historic District Committee will eventually revise and submit for approval. The group discussed the draft and recommended revisions.

Open House: The committee discussed holding an open house, possibly in February 2026, inviting property owners in the current nationally designated historic district in Falls Village. At that time the committee would explain and educate the property owners and answer questions on its expected role as a local group that would help to facilitate the maintenance of the historic integrity of Falls Village if they were to become a recognized commission.

[Janell Mullen excused herself from the meeting in order to attend to other business.]

Walking tour brochure: The committee discussed making edits and updates to the current Falls Village walking tour brochure created in 1995.

Historic District signs: Judy reported that First Selectman Dave Barger said that four new signs can be purchased for the district using town funds (Highway Department) from Giordano Signs in Torrington. It is expected that the new signs will look like the old ones, but will be aluminum instead of wood.

Next meeting: Our next regular meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 pm by Judy, and seconded by Bill, with unanimous consent.

Respectfully,

Caitlin Jenkins, recording secretary standing in for Cheryl Aeschliman