

Town of Canaan
Historic District Study Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 17, 2025, 4:00 PM
The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society
44 Railroad St., Falls Village, CT 06031

Persons present: Judy Jacobs, Cheryl Aeschliman, Caitlin Jenkins, Bill Beebe, Ann Bidou

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Judy Jacobs, chair.

Alternate Ann Bidou was seated for the absent Richard Berzine.

There were no public comments.

Bidou made a motion to accept the previous minutes with no additions or corrections. Second, Beebe. Unanimous.

There were no new communications.

Judy informed us that the new historic signs are in the works and may be installed when they arrive depending on the weather.

We spent some time discussing the Proposed Regulations page of the revised Historic District Report. After some discussion it was decided that the paragraph beginning with "Public view is not necessarily..." needs to be reworked. We feel that we should take out the section about views from private parking lots, thinking that we would be overreaching our intended scope. On page 6 Ann found that the description of the style of her house on 85 Main St. should be listed under Greek Revival and 86 Main St. is Queen Anne. The map in the report as well as the walking tour brochure need to be updated since the Lanier house has been demolished. Committee members on the intro page should read: Judy Jacobs, Caitlin Jenkins, Cheryl Aeschliman, Bill Beebes and Richard Berzine. Alternates are Ann Bidou, Frank Hadsell and Scott Jack. Item H on the map needs to change to the Center on Main. Fire House should be removed from the building listed on the map as such.

There was some question as to whether we will be prepared to have the Open House in February. We need to start going through the Historical Society house files to prepare for this. We discussed the possibility of including some of the Sanborn Maps in the presentation. Caitlin will look into this.

Next year's meeting dates will be as follows: Jan. 26th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 16th. Apr. 20, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, Aug. 17th, Sept. 21st, Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th and Dec. 21st, all at 4:00 at the Depot.

In other business, Judy has made a contact at the State Historic Preservation Office- Jenny Scofield.

Tentative date for the next meeting will be December 15, 2025, 4:00, at the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society Depot.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:20 by Aeschliman. Second Jenkins. Unanimous.

Respectfully,
Cheryl Aeschliman, Recording Secretary