

Town of Canaan  
Historic District Study Committee

Monday, February 2, 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, Janell Mullen ZEO and town planner

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Judy Jacobs, chair.

No Alternates were called.

There were no public comments.

Beebe made a motion to accept the previous minutes with the removal of an “s” to his name in the “We spent some time” paragraph. Second, Jenkins. Unanimous.

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society received a letter from Nicholas W. Stuller, President of Save Historic Middlebury, Inc. which Judy wanted us to review before presenting to the Board of FVCHS. This letter requests the society to send a letter to encourage the legislature to add one sentence to the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act that allows anyone to attempt to stop the unnecessary demolition of a historic property. We agreed to forward this to FVCHS with our approval.

We reviewed the timeline requirements for establishing the Historic District Commission. Aeschliman asked where the funding to cover our expenses will come from. Jacobs said the money will come from the town budget and is expected in July. We decided to ask for \$5000.00. More updating to the National Register of Historic Places Inventory is needed, including pictures of all of the houses in the district. We will keep the barns on the former Lanier property even though the house has been demolished. We will send a short introductory letter explaining the Historic District Study Committee in the spring and have a history walk of the district before the Open House. In the meantime we should encourage those in the district to come to the Depot to learn about the history of their home. A few minor changes are needed to the recent draft of the Falls Village Historic District Report and Janell will include them in a new draft. It was decided that it is okay to show people the Report since it is public knowledge due to the Freedom of Information Act.

We briefly discussed the Walking Tour Brochure and possibly changing the layout.

Bill stressed the need to reassure the people in the historic district that own newer houses that they will not be affected by the regulations should the Historic District Commission application be passed.

Date for the next meeting will be February 23, 4:00, at the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society Depot.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:45 by Beebe. Second Aeschliman. Unanimous.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Aeschliman, Recording Secretary