

Town of Canaan
Historic District Study Committee

July 20, 2026, 4:00 PM
The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society
44 Railroad St., Falls Village, CT 06031

In Person

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

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

Anne Bidou was seated in place of Richard Berzine.

There were no public comments.

Frank Hadsell has resigned from this committee. We discussed approaching Jason Lemon, John Atchley or Leslie who lives in Richard Stones former house to replace him. Judy will approach the prospects.

April minutes were approved with a correction to the meeting date of March 20th to April 20th. Motion to approve made by Aeschliman seconded by Jacobs.

The proposed changes to downtown zoning brought up in June 25th's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were discussed. They propose to change the spot zoning for downtown businesses to area zoning. It seems spot zoning is illegal. We wondered how this would affect the Historic District and discussed handicapped entrances and the possibility of large plate glass windows.

Judy will get in touch with Janell to find out which Historic District Report is most current.

Caitlin is almost finished with the inventory of building in the District.

We discussed the placement of the new signs indicating the Historic District. Should they be placed on the actual borders of the District? Judy will discuss placement with Tim Downs. The sign company will be installing them.

We did not discuss the Walking Tour Brochure.

There was no other business.

Date for the next meeting will be August 17, 4:00, at the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society Depot.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:13 by Aeschliman. Second Bidou. Unanimous.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Aeschliman, Recording Secretary