Town of Winchester
Historic Commission
Town Hall – 338 Main Street
2nd Floor – P. Francis Hicks Room
March 7th, 2024 at 4:00PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
Chair Deb Kessler calls the meeting to order at 4:05PM. In attendance are members Lynn Kessler (Vice-Chair), Lauren Dombrowski (Clerk), Steve Dew, Virginia Shultz-Charrette, Linda Dew, Steve Vaill (Co-Town Historian) and Sheila Sedlack (Co-Town Historian). Also present is Director of Land Use, Lance Hansen. Hamish Lutris is absent excused.

2. Agenda Review
*Motion made at end of meeting* by Deb Kessler to move Agenda Items #5 and #6 for all future meetings to #3 and #4. *Motion seconded by Steve Dew and the motion is unanimously approved by the board.*

3. New Business
A. Presentation given by Preservation Connecticut, Mary Dunne
Direction and support offered for designation of sites and buildings. National/State/Local Registry of Historic Places. Design review guidelines, grant funding, help with projects, etc. Commission should reach out for support. Restoration and rehabilitation standards.
B. Discussion: Storytelling Session #2 with Virginia Shultz-Charrette, Jan Roy and Sheila Sedlack. *Deb Kessler makes a motion to set a date of April 4th, 2024, for Storytelling with Virginia Shultz-Charrette, Jan Roy, and Sheila Sedlack. Lauren Dombrowski seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by the board.*

4. Old Business
A. Develop a strategic plan and priorities during June 2024 regular meeting (out of time)
B. America’s 250th Celebration planning: How will CT participate? Storytelling @ CCSU (Hamish Lutris)
D. Discussion of historic designations for New England Pin Company Mill Building (out of time)
E. Discussion regarding potential for proposing Historic Neighborhood Districts (out of time)
F. Discussion regarding Historic District designation – Expansion of East and West Districts (out of time)

5. Approval of Minutes: February 1, 2024
*Motion made by Lynn Kessler to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting and seconded by Deb Kessler*

6. Correspondence
None

7. Adjournment
*Motion to adjourn made by Lauren Dombrowski at 5:00PM, seconded by Steve Dew and unanimously approved.*
Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Dombrowski, CCTC
Asst. Town Clerk, Town of Winchester
Board Clerk