

WALLINGFORD HISTORIC
PROPERTIES COMMISSION
2019-2020

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Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Chair
Cheryl Christie Collett, Vice
Chair
Tara Knapp, Clerk
Barbara Sibley
Raymond Ross

Alternate

Bob Prentice

Town of Wallingford
Historic Properties Commission
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

ANNUAL REPORT

May 2020

The Wallingford Historic Properties Commission respectfully submits this 2020 Annual Report of activity, which occurred during the previous session of March 2019 to May 2020. This year's report is through May 2020 due to the March 2020 Annual Meeting being postponed due to the Covid-19 crisis. The Historic Properties Commission is pleased to serve the Town of Wallingford as outlined in Wallingford Ordinance #466.

OVERVIEW:

Establishment of the Commission:

The Wallingford Historic Properties Commission (HPC) was established by the Wallingford Town Council by Ordinance #466 of the Wallingford Code Part II, Chapter 127.1-3 on January 26, 1999 and in accordance with Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 7-147.

The Town Council appointed the first roster of 5 regular and 3 alternate members on March 27, 2001. The Commission's Regulations and Rules of Procedure were approved and adopted 10/18/01; revised 6/26/2013.

Purpose of the Commission:

The purpose of the Commission is to preserve and protect the significant historical qualities of the buildings under its jurisdiction so that the public may enjoy their presence within the Town of Wallingford for generations to come. Providing for a greater awareness of Wallingford's cultural and architectural heritage, these sites are reflective of the 17th, 18th, 19th centuries and of the professionalism of the early historic preservation movement.

Scope of Jurisdiction:

The Commission shall administer and shall have only such powers and duties as may directly relate to the specific historic properties designated by the Wallingford Ordinance or by amendments thereto. Only those properties listed in the Wallingford Ordinance are affected by HPC Regulations and Procedures. The three properties included are: 538 North Main St – known as *Nehemiah Royce House (c.1672)*; 1211 Barnes Rd – known as *Joseph Blakeslee House (c.1780) * house demolished 11/17/08*; 153 South Main St – known as *Franklin and Harriet Johnson Mansion (c.1866) *barn demolished Jan. 2011*.

Powers and Duties:

The Commission has those powers, will perform those functions and will be subject to such limitations as provided by the Connecticut General Statutes under Chapter 97a, titled "Historic Districts and Historic Properties" (CGS Section 7-147) and as it may be amended from time to time. The Commission shall review and act upon all applications for Certificate of Appropriateness. Unless exempted by CGS Section 7-147, no building or structure, earthworks or site of recognized historic or archaeological importance, within the boundaries of a historic property shall be erected, altered, removed or demolished until after an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness has been submitted to and approved by the Commission.

BUDGET:

2019 Budget: Zero (\$0.00)

The commission has no budget allotted by Town Council. All members serve without compensation. Expenses incurred in 2019 from generating the Annual Report, letters and mailings were paid for by members of the Historic Properties Commission.

2020 Expected Budget: Zero (\$0.00). The commission has no budget allotted by Town Council.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Commission Members: March 7, 2019 – May 19, 2020

Regular Members: Cheryl Christie Collett, Tara Knapp, Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Barbara Sibley, Raymond Ross

Alternate: Bob Prentice

Missing Alternate Members: Jean Garcia, Maria Santiago

Please note that Alternate Member Jean Garcia notified the Commission that she is no longer serving on the Commission. She was asked to write a letter of resignation, but a letter has not been received.

Please note that Alternate Member Maria Santiago has been unreachable via telephone, email and post mail by the Commission within the past year. No communication on her behalf has occurred.

Officers: March 7, 2019 – May 19, 2020

Chair: Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva; *Vice-Chair:* Cheryl Christie Collett; *Clerk:* Tara Knapp

ACTIVITIES: March 7, 2019 – May 19, 2020

Please note that Alternate Member Maria Santiago has been unreachable via telephone, email and post mail by the Commission within the past year. She has not attended any meetings this past year.

March 7, 2019: Annual meeting was held on March 7, 2019. An overview of the properties was discussed. Officers were selected for the next term of March 2019 to March 2020.

April – September 2019: No WHPC meetings occurred.

October 17, 2019: A special meeting was scheduled for October 30 for an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) by the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust (WHPT) for the Nehemiah Royce House.

October 21, 2019: The Special Meeting planned for October 30 was canceled.

November 7, 2019: Alternate Member Jean Garcia notified the Commission Chair via email response to the upcoming meeting that she is no longer serving on the Commission. She was asked to write a letter of resignation for the Commission and Town Council, but no letter has been received. She has not attended any meetings this past year.

November 21, 2019: A special meeting was held for an application and presentation for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) by the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust (WHPT) for the Nehemiah Royce House. The application was for a "Well House" cover for a free-standing electrical box. The COA Application was approved.

March 12, 2020: The WHPC Annual Meeting was scheduled for March 30, 2020.

March 19, 2020: The WHPC Annual Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

May 6, 2020: The WHPC Annual Meeting and a meeting for an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) by the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust (WHPT) to install National Register Signage at the Nehemiah Royce House and the Johnson Mansion was scheduled for May 19, 2020. The WHPT also requested to extend the 11/21/19 COA for the Well House at the Royce House. It has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Signs per the Handbook for Historic District Commissions and Historic Property Commissions in Connecticut. Section VI. Rules of Procedure. D. Certificate of Appropriateness.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is required for, but not limited to, any of the following exterior work that may be visible from a public street, place or way:

f. Outdoor advertising signs and bill posters.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is valid for 180 days (6 months). The COA for the Well House will expire on 5/21/20. Per the Town of Wallingford Historic Properties Commission Regulations and Rules of Procedure.

Section 5: 5.1.1 Expiration of Application:

Approval of certificates of appropriateness will expire and are congruent with the State Building Code regulations used by the Wallingford Building Department (Section 105.5 of the 2005 Connecticut Supplement.) The Application will become invalid unless authorized work has commenced within 180 days of issuance, or if the authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work commenced.

The Commission is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of not more than 180 days each. Extensions shall be requested by the owner or authorized agent in writing and justifiable cause shall be demonstrated.

PROPERTIES:

Blakeslee Property - 1211 Barnes Rd.: Owner, Town of Wallingford.

No applications for certificate of appropriateness received. No known activity.

Royce House – 538 N. Main St.: Owner, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, Inc.

Activity referenced above.

Johnson Mansion - 153 S. Main St.: Owner, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, Inc.

Activity referenced above.

We thank the Town of Wallingford for the opportunity to serve the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Chair
Wallingford Historic Properties Commission

Historic Properties Commission:

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Cheryl Christie Collett, Tara Knapp, Barbara Sibley, Raymond Ross
(Alt) Bob Prentice

cc: State of CT, State Historic Preservation Office; Mayor William Dickinson, Town of Wallingford; Town Council Members

Attachments:

Addendum A: Images of the Johnson and Royce Properties
(No image of Blakeslee Property – Demolished 11/17/08)

Addendum A

Images (May 2020)

Franklin and Harriet Johnson Mansion Property, Wallingford CT





Nehemiah Royce House, Wallingford CT



