

WALLINGFORD HISTORIC
PROPERTIES COMMISSION
2023-2024

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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

March 2024

The Wallingford Historic Properties Commission respectfully submits this 2024 Annual Report of activity, which occurred during the previous session of March 2023 to March 2024. 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)*

153 South Main St – Known as *Franklin and Harriet Johnson Mansion (c.1866)* *Barn demolished Jan. 2011

1211 Barnes Rd – Known as *Joseph Blakeslee House (c.1780)* *House demolished 11/17/08

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:

2023 Budget: Zero (\$0.00)

The commission has no budget allotted by Town Council. All members serve without compensation. Expenses incurred in 2023 from generating the Annual Report, letters and mailings were paid for by members of the Historic Properties Commission.

2024 Expected Budget: Zero (\$0.00). The commission has no budget allotted by Town Council.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Commission Members: March 9, 2023 – March 7, 2024

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

Alternate: Bob Prentice

Officers: March 9, 2023 – March 7, 2024

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

ACTIVITIES: March 9, 2023 – March 7, 2024

March 9, 2023: The annual commission meeting was held on March 9, 2023.

An overview of each of the properties was discussed. There were no new updates to discuss.

Expiration of Commissioner Terms: Cheryl Christie Collett's term was to expire in 2023 with this annual meeting. The Commission recommended that she be reappointed by the Town Council for another five-year term. Cheryl agreed and a letter of recommendation was sent to Town Council.

Officers were selected for the next term of March 2023 to March 2024.

March 28, 2023: Town Council considered and approved the reappointment of Cheryl Christie Collett to a five-year term on the commission.

March 2023 – March 2024: No WHPC meetings occurred.

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.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Chairman
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 Vincent Cervoni, 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 (February 2024)

Franklin and Harriet Johnson Mansion, Wallingford CT





Nehemiah Royce House, Wallingford CT



