

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 08, 2018

Meeting of the LHDSC -Local Historic District Study Committee was called to order at 6:07 PM. Chairman Harry Berkowitz, Ken Warchol, Robert Laflamme & Dan O'Neil were in attendance; R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner was also present. Mr. Bechtholdt noted a number of vacancies still remain. The following members of the public were in attendance: R. Christopher Noonan, Consultant

The first order of business was to announce that a Consultant has been hired to help guide the planning process to establish a local historic district for Whitinsville. R. Christopher Noonan was hired and will be instrumental in completing the Study Report. Committee members welcomed Mr. Noonan.

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner noted that he spoke with a couple of property owners who reached out to him regarding the establishment of a local historic district and will look to invite property owners to future meetings. Mr. Bechtholdt indicated that only 2 or 3 survey responses have been received to date. Ken Warchol suggested absent a DRAFT Bylaw to review, property owners may be less likely to provide comment and input at this time.

Committee members discussed with Mr. Noonan the properties under consideration and briefed him on the reasons why the properties were selected and why others may not have been included. Mr. Noonan indicated that he would review the Form B's; Mr. O'Neil offered to provide Mr. Noonan with copies of all the Form B's prepared and filed with MHC; Mr. Warchol noted he could assist if needed.

Mr. Warchol noted that only one property, the Whitin Community Center does not have a current Form B prepared. Mr. Warchol offered to prepare the historical narrative for the Whitin Community Center and asked Mr. Noonan if he could provide the architecture.

Committee members briefly reviewed potential property restrictions that may be include in a survey; Committee members believed including and allow for exemptions such as paint color, roof material, window treatments, etc. would not negatively impact the spirit and intent of the Local Historic District.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan O'Neil, Clerk
Local Historic District Committee

Cc: Town Clerk