

# January 13, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Graney, Mrs. Picton and Mr. Treadway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

## REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00PM and seated the members and seated Alternate Rives for Mrs. Picton. Mrs. Picton arrived at 8:05PM and was seated by Mr. Smith. Alternate Rives was then seated for Mr. Talbot.

### Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 12/16/02 minutes as written. By Mr. Graney, seconded by Mr. Treadway and passed 5-0.

### Other Business

Election of officers. Mrs. Rives proposed that the present officers serve for another year. That recommendation was agreeable with the other members. Mr. Smith expressed his wish to step down as Chairman. Mr. Treadway asked if would be willing to serve until someone else takes over. Yes. The members suggested that Mr. Smith delegate some of the responsibility to them.

MOTION: To re-elect the present slate of Historic District Commission officers for 2003: Mr. Smith - Chairman, Mr. Treadway - Vice Chairman and Mr. Talbot - Clerk. By Mr. Treadway, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

Mr. Smith told the Commission that Mr. Greenfield, 12 Ives Road, has been away so he did not go onto the property but thinks since there are no leaves to block the view it would be good to go back and take some photos of the fence from the road. Mr. Treadway said the Commission should write a letter to Mr. Greenfield and ask him to contact HDC when he gets back in town so the fence issue can be resolved. Mr. Graney said, for the record, it would be a good idea to take photographs. Mr. Smith said he would check with Attorney Miles to determine what the process is to make someone undo what they have done without permits.

The Commission discussed the need to update photographs of the three Historic Districts. It has been fifteen or more years since this was last done. Pros and cons of digital cameras and video cameras were discussed. These will be checked out.

New Alternate. Mr. Ron Chute is interested in becoming an Alternate on the Commission. The members agreed he would be a good addition. Mr. Smith said he would contact Mr. Chute and then tell Mrs. Luckey, the First Selectman, that he is willing to serve on the Commission.

Signs on the Green. Mr. Smith said the sandwich board sign belonging to the Congregational Church will be going away. The church is going to get a new hanging sign to replace the present one which is on the corner of Kirby Road and Route 47. It will display all pertinent information and be in the same location as the existing hanging sign. Mrs. Rives asked if the new deli owners might be using a sandwich board sign. So far one has not appeared. Mr. Smith said, if necessary, he would speak to the new owners. Generally,

there is no objection when taken in and out each day.

The Conservation Commission is developing a "Welcome to Washington" brochure and is asking for a volunteer from each Commission to help. HDC will select one as soon as possible.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Mrs. Rives.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:45PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,