

WESTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting

HELD July 23, 2014

PRESENT: Lynne Langlois, Chairperson; Paul Deysenroth; Roland Poirier; Carol Baldwin (alternate)

Absent: Nicky Bleifeld, Neil Horner, Chris Kimberly

Also in attendance: Selectwoman Gayle Weinstein; Paul McNamara, Chairman, Fairfield County Bank

The MEETING began at 8:00 pm, and was presided over by Lynne Langlois and was held in School Road Annex Building.

Chairwoman Langlois began the meeting stating that this was a special meeting called because of a lack of quorum at our regularly scheduled July meeting and that the purpose of this meeting was informational.

Selectwoman Weinstein made opening remarks describing the proposed land swap between the Town and Fairfield County Bank wherein the Bank would swap the house they own at the corner of Rt. 57 and Norfield Road, which is contiguous to other Town owned properties, for the "Jarvis House" on the opposite corner, which the Town owns. Both properties are in the Norfield Historic District. The bank would plan to use the Jarvis House, which was originally part of the 19th century Jarvis Military Academy, for bank offices and would add a drive-up ATM machine to the property. Selectwoman Weinstein stated that the Board of Selectman was interested in exploring this land swap and therefore has brought the proposal before the Historic District Commission.

Next, Paul McNamara, Chairman, Fairfield County Bank, distributed and described 5 drawings depicting the potential sites of the ATM and the driveway accessing the bank facility and ATM. He stated that eventually the bank branch at Weston Shopping Center would move into the Jarvis House.

The public in attendance asked some questions that led Chairwoman Langlois to remind the attendees what the purview of the Historic District Commission is and that there would be future opportunities for public input.

The Commission raised concerns about the amount of parking, and asked for more clarity on items not indicated on the drawings, specifically the nature of the paving material, the amount of lighting and type of lighting fixtures and the location and type of signage. Selectwoman Weinstein indicated that some changes to the exterior of the House may have to be made to allow for handicap accessibility.

Mr. McNamara said he would return to the Commission with that information.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Aug 6 at 8pm in the Library Conference Room.

(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin)