

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 22, 2024**

The Milford Historic Preservation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024, in Conference Room C, Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street. Acting Chairman Bill Silver, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Committee Members Present**

B. Silver, Chairman  
M. Kramer  
J. Kranz  
E. Johnson  
A. Mower (Alternate) (Remote)

**Excused:**

K. Muller (Alternate)

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Acting Chairman Silver stated the first order of business would be to elect a chairman.

Ms. Kramer and Mr. Kranz moved to nominate Bill Silver to serve as chairman. There being no other nominations for chairman, no nominations were closed with the secretary casting one vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Silver stated he would entertain a motion for Vice Chair.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kranz made and seconded to nominate Michele Kramer to serve as vice chair. There being no other nominations for vice chair, nominations were closed with the secretary casting one vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of the Minutes of October 16, 2023**

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Kramer made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023, special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

a. Review of UI Transmission Line CT Siting Council Hearings/Status –

Chairman Silver stated there is no local information although there has been activity in Fairfield County. Ms. Kramer she reached out to Attorney Berchem who stated there is no new activity at this time. Chairman Silver discussed Fairfield County activity. He discussed going underground for resiliency and impact on rates.

b. Commission's outreach efforts and general readiness

i. First Step: Outreach program/ideas, status of Featured Property webpage

Mr. Johnson stated he lost contact with the author. He presented a draft first publication regarding the parsonage. He asked that members review and reach out to him with possible edits. Mr. Johnson reviewed the mission statement. Ms. Kramer discussed restoration of the Mary Hepron Smith house and the possibility of the house being the subject of a future article.

ii. Second Project Selection

Mr. Johnson discussed a draft article regarding the Audubon and Milford Point Hotel. He stated he found some good history and believes it to be a relevant property. Ms. Kramer discussed the Laurel Beach Casino as a future project. Ms. Mower discussed social media as an avenue for promoting the Commission and articles. Mr. Silver discussed the Carrington House as a possible project.

c. Review of 67 Prospect Street

Mr. Silver reported he spoke with Attorney Berchem regarding access to the property and that it does not look like it would be possible. Mr. Silver reviewed the stipulated agreement and its terms. Mr. Kranz stated the pool in the backyard was not filled and the building is slowly deteriorating. He discussed a book that contains a map of the burial grounds. Mr. Silver stated there is no action to take on the COA at this time.

Mr. Smith discussed the North Broad Street project and the two neighboring properties. Ms. Kramer stated the former law office is a historic building, but it is not on the registry. Discussion ensued concerning the plans for the property. Discussion ensued concerning the MCDD and an historic overlay.

**New Business**

a. Review and approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule/Calendar

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kranz made and seconded a motion to approve the 2024 meeting schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Payment Requisitions**

None.

**Adjournment.**

Being no further business to discuss, Ms. Kramer and Mr. Johnson made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary