

East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee  
Meeting  
Thursday, July 22, 2010  
Minutes

Committee Members Present: Phil Barlow, Randy Dill, Bill Gerrish, Mike Gionta, Eric Sabetta.  
Others in attendance: George Fellner, Bob Scherrer

Mr. Gerrish called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

***Minutes***

Minutes from the June 24, 2010 were tabled as most of the committee members in attendance at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were not in attendance at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

***Old Business***

None

***New Business***

Mr. Fellner described his work to date on the project. He met with First Selectman Mark Walter, reviewed various studies and site plans, and walked the site and village area. He noted the importance of the green as an asset for community use. He paid particular attention to the “vistas” of the village area, looking into the town owned property and out.

Discussion ensued about the use of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor space, which Mr. Fellner recommended be used primarily as professional office space. The committee disagreed, with Mr. Gionta noting that historically professional office space was difficult to fill in town. The committee felt that there was value in having some residential space in the site. Mr. Gerrish suggested that the space may be of interest to actors and the committee agreed that this possibility should be explored.

Mr. Fellner suggested that the town office building could be utilized and remodeled, possibly for use as a visitor center.

Mr. Fellner presented a schematic of the existing site as well as two design schematics for the committee’s consideration, A and C, each offering a different perspective on the location of buildings, parking, etc. The committee indicated its preference for schematic “C.”

***General Discussion***

The committee asked Mr. Gerrish and Mr. Fellner to meet with Mr. Walter to discuss the status of access to the site via the Stonecraft property and other issues relative to the progress of the project. The committee indicated its preference to meet at the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fellner will present a more developed design based on schematic “C.”

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Gionta. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.