



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Local Historic District Study Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday November 16, 2016

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Town Hall

Minutes

1. 6:30 p.m. Open Meeting
2. Open Discussion/Q&A with Residents
 - a. Opened the meeting with a brief overview of the purpose of the Study Committee and a local historic district (confirmed there would not be rules regarding the color of one's house)
 - b. Discussion continued touching on various topics, including:
 1. Traffic patterns regulation - whether or not the local district could dictate rules
 - a. the committee response was non-committal but agreed to investigate possibilities and raise the issue/request with the appropriate resources
 - b. the committee indicated that this was an idea that had not been broached to this point
 2. Questions asked to the impact on housing prices

- a. the committee indicated that opinions vary on this topic but from what the committee has read a district stabilizes valuation - while they may not increase as quickly as non-district properties, valuations tend to do better in down markets within a district
- 3. Question was asked regarding whether forming district would compel residents to maintain their properties
 - a. The committee indicated that there is not a requirement for residents to maintain their properties but would only provide oversight/approval to changes/updates made to the structures
 - b. The committee also offered that ideas were being explored to incent residents maintain their properties to address the possibility of “demolition by neglect”
 - c. Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting moved from Town Hall to the Taft Library for the remainder of the meeting (at approx 7pm)
- 3. Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Prior to Meeting
 - a. none
- 4. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned 8pm

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