

Town of Redding
Historic Review Committee
P.O. Box 1028
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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 17, 2023
6:30 PM – Via Zoom

Present: Raymond D'Angelo, Chairman; Regina O'Brien.

Also Present: Aimee Pardee, Land Use Director.
The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of July 20, 2023.

After a discussion, Ms. O'Brien moved that the minutes be accepted as written. The Chairman seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

**II. Demolition Application – 35 Lonetown Road (Assessor's Map and Lot 21-16).
Owner: Jennifer Carter. Request to demolish garage.**

The Committee reviewed the application, and discussed the inspection report and recommendations provided by Town Historian Bruce Nelson. The Chairman noted that the garage has a historically correct look but that it is not, in fact, historic. He asked Ms. Pardee what is intended for the property; she stated that the owners intend to construct a new garage on the same footprint.

Ms. O'Brien moved that the demolition delay be waived for the garage at 35 Lonetown Road. The Chairman seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

III. Chairman's report.

The Chairman spoke regarding the recent application to demolish a house at 60 (aka 50) Newtown Turnpike made by (owner) Aquarion Water Corp. upon which the Committee imposed the 180 day demolition delay. He said that he had engaged Preservation Connecticut regarding the demolition of water company structures and had, in particular, spoke to Stacey Vairo, who is a Circuit Rider for the organization. He reported that Ms. Vairo had stated that she would be available to have a discussion with Aquarion's management about preservation. She also

suggested inventorying all Aquarion properties proactively and looking into the sale of just buildings (not property) and adding those buildings to the Preservation Connecticut Historic Property Exchange. Ms. Pardee stated that she would try to arrange a meeting with Aquarion, the Committee, the Easton and Redding Town Historian, and Preservation Connecticut.

As a closing note, Ms. O'Brien asked Ms. Pardee to follow up with Aquarion regarding the request of the Committee to have a broken window at 60 Newtown Turnpike boarded up and the property mowed.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

Aimee Pardee