Members Present: Chairman J. Taylor, B. Scholze, J. Bruzinski, B. Boone, M. Dwyer, J. French
Members Absent: J. Desiato
Also: L. Whitney, clerk
Call to Order: Chairman, J. Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM

Approval of Monthly Minutes:

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from 17 Sept. 2018 and 19 Nov. 2018 was made by J. French.

Seconded by J. Bruzinski
Vote For: All

Motion to approve the minutes from 17 Sept 2018 and 19 Nov. 2018 as written was made by J. French.

Seconded by M. Dwyer
Vote For: All

New Business:

A discussion was held on the anticipated Certificate of Appropriateness for 11 Rte 37. Mr. Eric Johnson had inquired about the certificate but his purchase of the house has been stalled due to constraints regarding repairs to the house necessary prior to bank approval for a mortgage.

J. French brought up that the Houston House (across the street from the school parking lot) has been demolished. The house is not in the Historic District but is on the National Register of Historic Places. A discussion ensued and several questions surfaced:

Should the Historic District expand?

J. Bruzinski explained that the advantage to being a part of the Historic District is to be in Zone D which is legal non-conforming within zoning laws.
Where are building regulations available? Are they posted on the town website?

Was the demolition approved? By whom?

How do we avoid this type of situation in the future?

Whose responsibility is it to report to the State Historic Commission that this historic house has been demolished?

A further discussion was held regarding posting our Historic District Commission Regulations to the town website.

J. Taylor will meet with the First Selectman to pose the Historic District Commission’s questions.

Old Business:

Adjournment:

J. French moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM

B. Scholze seconded the motion

Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next Historic District Commission meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2019 at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney

18 March 2019