

Roxbury Historic District Commission

17 June 2009

Present: C. Haver, J. Huber, G. Miller, D. Sergeant, L. Turner, W. Walker, P. Wooster;
B. Bradley

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

The minutes of the 20 May meeting were accepted with the following corrections:
spelling – Burmann; and addition of Julie Whitney and James Hanley as Preservation
Award winners.

PODC meeting – G. Miller and W. Walker attended. The consultant presented statistics
re: town growth, school population, taxes, etc. Although there were few in attendance,
there was a consensus about the need for housing in town that was affordable for
downsizing and workforce population. These issues were address by the Smart Growth
Study Group that had presented its findings to the PC.

B. Bradley addressed the HDC re: a proposed hot dog stand on Baker Road. It is in the
commercial district, but the objections are to the execution of the plan: red trailer, Porta
Potty, lights and picnic tables. B. Bradley had been to a Zoning Commission meeting
asked if the HDC could help. W. Walker suggested that since the road is a designated
Scenic Road, that is a consideration that might be taken into account. The HDC felt that
not enough townspeople know of the proposal and stories in VOICES and the
LITCHFIELD COUNTY TIMES would be of help. Also a united front of all the
residents might be persuasive. The HDC agreed that selling hot dogs is not the issue; the
concerns are for a trailer as opposed to using an existing building, the sanitation aspects
of a Porta Potty and the control of litter in an area that merited a National Register
Nomination. W. Walker will compose a letter and e-mail it to the HDC members for
input. Time is short: this issue will come up again, perhaps for a vote, at the next meeting
of the ZC 13 July.

Senior Center fund-raiser – The date is Saturday 25 July (rain date 26 July). The cost is
\$25 advanced registration; \$30 on the day. It will be a guided walking tour of the HD
and its gardens. Homeowners will be at their houses to explain their home's architectural
and historical significance. Unfortunately, several residents will be away on that day so
any members of HDC who are available would be helpful. J. Huber, G. Miller and R.
Stevenson (for Walker and Parsons) will be on duty; C. Haver may be away; W. Walker
will be away; D. Sergeant will also be away. L. Turner will check his calendar to see if
he's free that day. The HD will be reprinted for the event. J. Huber passed around a
sample of the printing; all agreed that it was very good. The book will sell for \$20 with
no profit. But the HDC is getting 40% of the gate.

Preservation Award – W. Walker showed the HDC the copy for the plaque and she will call Whitney/Hanley and order the plaque.

An artist who paints pictures of barns is proposing to paint Roxbury barns in conjunction with our barn book. A November 2010 date for a show at the library will match the books publication. W. Walker will tell her to seek a show for that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Miller