



## HATTERTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 23, 2015

Present:

Bruce Degen, Christine Degen, Joan Petersen, Michael Kelly, Commissioners  
Chris Layda, Alt. Commissioner  
Dr. Joel Mallin, Debbie Malin, Lisa Layda, Marge Costa, Sally Jones, Pam Vieneau,  
District Residents

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Elections:**

Elections were called for Officers of the HHD Commission  
Joan Petersen nominated Michelle Rosenthal for Secretary of the HHD  
Kelly Michael seconded. Vote was unanimous, to re-elect Michelle Rosenthal.

Bruce Degen, Chair, and Christine Degen, Vice Chair said they did not wish to be nominated for re-election. Nominations were opened.

Michael Kelly nominated Chris Layda. Chris Degen seconded. The vote was unanimous to elect Chris Layda Chair of the HHD Commission.\*\*\*  
Bruce Degen nominated Joel Mallin for Vice Chair of the HHD Commission.  
Michael Kelly seconded. Joel Mallin was elected unanimously for Vice Chair.###

\*\*\*With the understanding that the Commission will request the First Selectman appoint Chris Layda full commissioner in the HHD Commission. Bruce Degen will resign his position and request an Alt. Com. appointment if possible.

### With the understanding that the Commission will request the First Selectman will act to make Joel Mallin a full commissioner in the HHD Commission. Chris Degen will resign her position as Full Commissioner and request an Alt. position, if possible.

Understanding the difficulty of attracting Newtown residents to serve on the Commission, and seeing we have two volunteers who are eager to give their time, all assembled at the meeting agreed we would ask The First Selectman to honor these requests for changes, and all the attendees, Commissioners and Residents alike, hope they can be implemented. We are prepared to do what is necessary to make these changes and hope the Town will agree and implement them.

### **Calendar:**

Due to the lack of meetings until now it was decided to adopt a calendar for quarterly meetings for a year from this date. The Calendar for the coming year was proposed and accepted as follows:

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Thursday July 14, 2016

**Other business:**

Joan Petersen has researched replacing the road signs for the HHD with the Sign Depot Company. The old road signs are on plywood and are in poor repair with splintered wood and peeling paint. Sign Depot could not find the records or photo design for making the signs so we will have to start from scratch. Chris Layda proposed pressure-treated wood for new posts that would resist deterioration, and he might be able to supply them to the town from his own stock. He suggested PVC or another composition that would withstand the weather without splintering.

Bruce Degen said he would investigate the budget to handle the expenses for new signs as the HHD has not requested funds from the Town for several years for any projects, and we hope there is money available.

Bruce and Chris Degen were presented by Joan Petersen with a framed photo of the HHD sign at the end of their property, taken by Joel Mallin, as an expression of thanks from the District for the time they served as officers in the HHD. Bruce and Chris are very touched by this lovely gift. All present signed the photo.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:00.

Bruce Degen, Chair