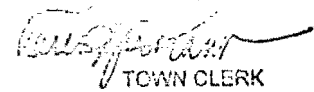


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TOWN OF STAFFORD
HYDE PARK COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
JUNE 26, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING


TOWN CLERK

Present:

Lori Gianantoni
Richard Hartenstein, Jr.
Cheryl Wilson-Maynard
William Braun

Absent:

Chris Paradiso

MINUTES:

1. **Meeting called to order and Moment of Silence**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was established. Commission members paused for a moment of silence.

2. **Approve minutes for January 24, 2018 and February 12, 2018**

Upon motion of Cheryl Wilson-Maynard and seconded by Rick Hartenstein the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of January 24, 2018 and February 12, 2018.

3. **Appointment of Chairman**

Upon motion of Cheryl Wilson-Maynard and seconded by Bill Braun the Commission unanimously approved Richard Hartenstein Jr. as Chairman of the Hyde Park Commission.

4. **Recommendation of Witt School Building**

The Hyde Park Commission met with the Stafford Historical Advisory Commission and the Selectman Mary Mitta for a Special Meeting to discuss the future of the Witt Middle School Building on May 21, 2018. The Commission updated us on what is required if the Witt School was to be sold; Necessary setbacks, acres required per housing unit, and any environmental issues regarding the duck pond and other items relevant to discussion.

Following the meeting, which was very informative, the Hyde Park Commission agreed to set up a meeting to formally state the Commission's recommendation.

The original will of Isaac P. Hyde states *"I give and bequeath all the property held in trust for Eliza F. Hyde, to the Town of Stafford in the State of Connecticut, but said bequest is made on the condition that said Town shall accept the same and appoint suitable and proper officers or trustees for the administration of this trust, and that such portion of said funds as said officers or trustees shall think advisable shall be used for the purpose of purchasing a Public Park in said Town to be known as "The*

Hyde Park" and the balance thereof invested as a perpetual fund , the income thereof to be used for the purpose of maintaining and keeping said Park in a careful and proper manner for all time." Based on the will, and concerns of the Witt School as a Housing development, tax burdens, setbacks and acreage necessary to subdivide property for a sale, the Commission feels it in the best interest of the Park to recommend demolishing the Witt Building. The Commission would meet again to propose additional recommendations for the property such as a park. Perhaps utilizing some of the bricks or cornices in a memorial recognizing the area as the location of the High School (dates included) as well as a Middle School (dates included). The Commission would meet again to further discuss this matter.

5. Adjourn

Upon motion of Rick Hartenstein and seconded by Bill Braun the Commission unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Gianantoni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Gianantoni, Chairman
Hyde Park Commission