

SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 7, 2022 – 9:00AM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Elyse Harney, M. C. Taylor, Carol Mason and Heidi Hoeller (Alternate). Absent: Tom Callahan, Robert Highsmith and Kathy Voldstad (Alternate).
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by E. Harney, seconded by M. C. Taylor and unanimously **Approved.**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of May 3, 2022. So Moved** by M. C. Taylor, seconded by E. Harney and unanimously **Approved.**
4. Andrea Salvadore – 500 Lime Rock Road, Lime Rock, CT
Ms. Salvadore would like her home to be recognized as a Historic House and Property in the Salisbury Historic District. While she has not done the title search on the property yet, she has accumulated a lot of anecdotal information about the history of the property from several different sources. She has spoken with Jean McMillen, Salisbury Town Historian, for any background about local connections. She referenced a book, written by Julia Pettee in 1957, The Rev. Jonathan Lee and his eighteenth century Salisbury Parish: the early history of the Town of Salisbury, CT. She talked about a John Knickerbocker, who lived on the property long ago, and it was mentioned in his will. She also mentioned the newspaper ad that led them to purchase this house as saying it was “from 1750, the oldest house in Lime Rock.” It was suggested by H. Hoeller that Ms. Salvadore contact the librarian at the Litchfield County Library, who may have some resources about local history available. It was noted that it is possible to be just on the State Register, if the property qualifies. C. Mason mentioned that if Ms. Salvadore has solid information, in writing, about her home, to submit it to the SHDC for consideration. Ultimately, the inclusion of the house in the SHD would need to go to a Town meeting and vote of approval. Ms. Salvadore is seeking local recognition only; she added that John Knickerbocker had given the abutting land to the Town for the cemetery – and became the first person buried there in 1786. She will start researching the title from Town Hall records. C. Mason pointed out that the Commission will need to consider what the next steps are. M. C. Taylor asked about the criteria used for the original Historic District houses and what would be acceptable now. The Commission looks forward to hearing from Ms. Salvadore, when she has an update for them.
5. M. C. Taylor – provide update on Handbook and map subcommittee project. The work is in progress, there was no report at this meeting. E. Harney wants the remaining map work to get done as quickly as possible and move on. She would like to the SHDC to consider the Landowska House property, as documented, and make a decision. C. Mason pointed out that the issue is

the actual property lines that need to be considered, not just the Historic District status. E. Harney noted that the properties are on the State map now. The information needed must be answered by Mat Kiefer and his office. M. C. Taylor and E. Harney will make an appointment to go there. Information gathered will be sent to the Commission members for review and comments, at a future meeting. Any full meeting of the subcommittee will be posted, with an agenda and Zoom link.

6. Other business – None

7. **Adjournment. So Moved** by M. C. Taylor, seconded by E. Harney and unanimously **Approved.**