

## SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 11, 2025 – 9:00AM (HYBRID)

1. Call to Order. Present: Carol Mason, Howard Sobel and Heidi Hoeller. Absent: M.C. Taylor and Arek Feredjian (Alternate).

2. Review SHDC Minutes for Purpose of Discussing the New Map.

C. Mason explained that this is an introduction for the map discussion; she spoke to Mat Kiefer and he will attend the meeting in June. C. Mason reviewed the history of the formation of the Historic District (HD) and the Town vote in February, 1970. Various maps were begun of different properties; the HDC began working with Mr. Kiefer on coming up with a single map around 2010 or so. The single map is needed so Mr. Kiefer, as the surveyor, can sign off on it; then it will be up to the HDC to understand it and be able to answer questions about it. There were some discrepancies on some of the maps, along the way, with a list of about 10 or so that needed corrections. Copies of the new draft map with legends were reviewed; there are 58 properties represented. Since the formation of the original HD, some properties have been added, at the request of the property owners, and then approved by Town vote. Once a final map is approved, it will go on the HDC website. H. Sobel asked about adding historic properties in the future; the HDC would need to approach the property owner to see if they would be interested. The State Historic Preservation Office has a process to follow; the Town would also be involved in a vote handled by the Board of Selectmen (BOS). H. Sobel asked if the new map could be used to identify possible properties for the HD; C. Mason commented that it could be one approach. H. Hoeller pointed out that a lot more public education is needed about becoming a historic property. C. Mason noted that the State does offer some incentives to preserve; the concept of preserving a community is the best the Town can do. H. Sobel commented that there are great examples of modern things the HDC has allowed, such as generators; H. Hoeller mentioned providing ideas for people to use, also. C. Mason noted that people must be able to enjoy their properties, such as having pools and solar installations on historic properties. C. Mason pointed out that, in some cases, not an entire property is historic, but just portions of it; M. Kiefer has worked through that, so the detailed map is important. H. Sobel talked about the possibility of approaching people to include their entire property, instead of just a part of it and asked if Mr. Kiefer could help identify those.

3. Review book of Historic Properties (Redbook)

H. Sobel brought in a book titled "Geographical Locations of the Historical Landmarks in the Town of Salisbury, CT." It was published by the Salisbury Association, Inc. in 1949. H. Sobel suggested that the book could be reproduced for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup> next year; it could be a great research project for a high school history class, if they could find an interested

teacher. H. Sobel is going to compare the landmarks book with the map legends and see what is not covered in the HD; he will reach out to the history department teachers to see if there is any interest in the project. C. Mason will talk to Curtis Rand about what the Town may be planning; H. Sobel commented that this project could give the HDC greater visibility and is a great story. C. Mason, H. Sobel and H. Hoeller will work as a subcommittee on planning for the 250<sup>th</sup> event. H. Sobel may have a report ready for the next meeting in May or in June.

4. **Adjournment. So Moved** by H. Hoeller, seconded by H. Sobel, **With All in Favor.**