



# Town of Reading

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**West Street Historic District Commission**

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## WSHDC MINUTES

**Meeting Dated: October 22, 2009**

Location: Berger Room, Town Hall Time: 7:00 PM

Members Present: Richard Schubert, Virginia Adams, Priscilla Poehler

Also Present:

Michael Schloth, Recording Secretary

Sharlene Reynolds-Santos,

Everett Blodgett,

Ilene Bornstein,

Susan Patterson,

Judith and Anthony Mieczkowski, 252 West Street

This was the first meeting of the Commission since the prior Commission resigned. Present were: recently appointed Commission Members Richard Schubert, Virginia Adams, and Priscilla Poehler; applicants for Commission membership Sharlene Reynolds-Santos, Everett Blodgett, and Ilene Bornstein; former Chairman of the Commission, Susan Patterson; and applicants for a Certificate from the Commission, Judith and Anthony Mieczkowski of 252 West Street.

The first order of business was to elect a Chair. Ms. Adams nominated Mr. Schubert. Ms. Poehler seconded. Mr. Schubert accepted the nomination on condition it would be temporary until the full compliment of members had been sworn in.. Ms. Adams moved nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0-0. On a motion by Ms. Adams and seconded, the Commission elected Mr. Schubert Chairman of the West Street Historic District Commission by a vote of 3-0-0.

Ms. Patterson described the procedure for reviewing applications and throughout the meeting answered questions offered suggestions on how to make the procedure go smoothly.

Ms. Adams distributed a DVD that describes the purpose of Historic District Commissions and informed the Board that she and Mr. Blodgett would be attending an event hosted by the Cape Cod Historic Commission on the subject of writing legal decisions.

### **252 West Street**

Ms. Adams moved the Commission find it has no jurisdiction over the work proposed at 252 West Street as the building in question is less than 70 years old (Section 5.18.9.1.6) and that it issue a Certificate of Non-Applicability for the work described in the application as well as for two cellar windows on the rear of the building as described to the Commission by the applicants tonight, and any incidental work required to finish the project (e.g. replace shingles disturbed, or rotten wood sills). Ms. Poehler seconded. *The motion was carried 3-0-0.*

A discussion ensued on the benefits of all-wood (frame and mullions) glass windows versus standard replacement widows.

The Commission thanked Ms. Patterson for her time and her help and noted she was welcome to attend any of the Commission's meetings.

On a motion by Ms. Poehler and seconded the Commission adjourned the meeting by a vote of 3-0-0.  
**The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.**

These minutes were prepared by Michael Schloth and submitted to the West Street Historic District Commission on March 29, 2010; these minutes were approved as amended by the West Street Historic District Commission on March 29, 2010.

Signed as approved,

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**Michael Schloth, Recording Secretary**

**Date**