



# Town of Reading

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**West Street Historic District Commission**

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## WSHDC MINUTES

**Meeting Dated: November 25, 2009**

Location: Berger Room, Town Hall

Time: 6:00 PM

Members Present: Virginia Adams, Priscilla Poehler, and Everett Blodgett

Also Present: Michael Schloth, Recording Secretary

Neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair was present. The consensus of the Commission was that Ms. Adams should serve as Chair for this meeting.

There being a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order.

### **115 West Street**

The applicant was not present. The applicant proposes to enclose a roofed, rear porch with window-panels to create a three-season room.

The Chair informed the Commission that her research revealed the original structure traces back to at least the year 1840. The Commission praised the applicant's choice of materials: true divided-light window-panels in wood frames.

The consensus of the Commission was that the work did fall under its jurisdiction and would require a Certificate of Appropriateness. As the finished structure was in the rear and only partially visible from the right-of-way, the Commission decided a public hearing would not be necessary.

***Ms. Poehler moved the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness and waive a public hearing for the worked proposed for 115 West Street. Mr. Blodgett seconded and the motion passed 3:0:0.***

### **257 West Street**

The applicant, Vice-Chair Steve O'Shea, was not present. The applicant proposes to replace fences on his property. Some of these fences had been taken down earlier in the year because they were in poor condition.

The consensus of the Commission was that the work did fall under its jurisdiction and would require a Certificate of Appropriateness. Also, the Commission decided a public hearing could be waived as there had been fences there originally and the fences would not have a significant impact on the streetscape.

The Commission directed that the fences must be wooden and not vinyl. The applicant had provided the Commission with product literature showing his preference for either of two particular styles. The Commission left the decision of the style of fence to the applicant.

*Ms. Poehler moved the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness and waive a public hearing for the worked proposed for 257 West Street with the condition that the fences will be wooden and not vinyl. Mr. Blodgett seconded and the motion passed 3:0:0.*

*Ms. Poehler moved to adjourn. Mr. Blodgett seconded and the motion carried 3:0:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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**