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Meeting Minutes
Hartford WRJ Design Review Committee
July 13, 2023

Present: Denise Welch-May, Jonathan Schechtman, Larson Burns, Anita Hamalainen, Kim Souza, Selectboard Liaison, and Jo-Ann Ells, Zoning Administrator

Denise opened the meeting, read the hybrid meeting script, and took a roll call.

Applications

1. Application by The Town of Hartford for the installation of a World War I and World War II Monument in Veterans Park, lot 46-0022-000, 12 Railroad Row, Hartford, in the Design Review and CB zoning districts.

Tim Schall of Schall Engineering was present.

Tim explained that the project was the work of a volunteer committee of 20+ Hartford citizens. He shared that the committee had explored restoring a WWI monument, but realized it was not viable and decided to create a monument for WWI and WWI veterans. He reviewed the design of the monument.

Jonathan asked if names could be added once the monument was installed. Tim explained that this would not be possible due to the design. He added that the goal of the committee is to recreate former monuments including the names that appeared on these monuments.

Denise asked if there were any items on the new monument from the former monuments. Tim noted that the ½ moon feature on the top of the proposed monument was from a former monument.

Kim inquired if there would be anything on or near the monument explaining it. Tim noted that some sort of explanation was likely, but had not been designed yet.

Anita suggested that Tim contact the VA Hospital to spread the general awareness of the project.

Anita moved to approve the application as presented. Denise seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

1. Minutes

Tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Members of the Design Review Committee are as follows:

Chair, Denise Welch-May 04-19-24
Vice Chair, Jonathan Schechtman 03-07-25
Sara Ferguson 10-04-24
Anita Hamalainen 11-15-24
Larson Burns 08-22-25