

## Middletown Preservation Board

### MINUTES

MARCH 8, 1995

#### PRESENT

J. Bianco, Chair  
J. Fortuna  
P. Evans  
N. Goff  
A. Tomassi  
F. Patnaude

#### ABSENT

B. Kronenberger  
R. Santangelo  
E. Rak-Roberts

Chair, J. Bianco called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in Room B15 of the Municipal Building.

#### Public Forum

No one from the public wished to speak.

#### Minutes

Upon a motion by J. Fortuna, seconded by P. Evans the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously.

#### Endangered Buildings

The committee discussed the various endangered buildings around Middletown and added to the list are now the buildings which are threatened by the police headquarters - the plan of which is to take up to three of the Broad Street houses in order to place a new police station on the site where they are now. The committee wished that staff draft a letter, to be signed by the chair, to the Police Building Study Committee to express their concern over the Broad Street buildings. During the discussion F. Patnaude informed the committee that it would be very difficult to take space from the Housing Authority instead, even though they thought that was probably was a better idea. J. Bianco reported that there was good news on the Arriwani/Liberty Commons Building and that construction will start on the next Monday.

#### St. Sebastian's Convent

There was no new information to report.

#### 241 Court Street

There was also no new information on this, however, there has not been any new initiatives taken by the City with regards to this building.

#### Pithian Building

The chair reported that Farmers & Mechanics had spent at least \$26,000 to put back the marble facade for which they should be congratulated.


1995 Preservation Awards

Chair, J. Bianco conducted the voting on the awards for 1995 in the same manner as had been conducted over the past years. Of the properties nominated the number one award winner was considered deKoven House and number two Oddfellows Playhouse. The award ceremony will be in May hopefully during preservation week and it will be at deKoven House. The Rockfall Foundation will be the host and Jim Sarbaugh will do a more unified presentation of the actual preservation work which went on at that award winning restoration. Jack Shannahan from the Connecticut Historical Commission and someone from Northeast Utilities on the "Main Street Program" will be invited as well as J. L. Pizarro the Main Street Manager. The committee also will ask the Mayor to come to receive an award on behalf of the City for its work toward the preservation of Long Hill Estate. Another special award will also be given to Ann Street the retiring Director of the Greater Middletown Preservation Trust for all of the work that she has done during her ten year in Middletown.

Change of name and focus of the Preservation Board

Upon a motion by P. Evans, seconded by A. Tomassi it was moved unanimously to approve the proposed ordinance which will change the Preservation Board to the Middletown Design Review & Preservation Board and would expand its capacity for design review in all historic districts; and, at the request of Planning & Zoning, all new development. The proposed ordinance will now go on to the Ordinance Study Committee and then to the Council.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Cynthia G. Wilcox

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