

**Minutes**  
**Historic District Commission**  
**Wednesday, August 8, 2012**  
**6:30pm**  
**Lower Hearing Room**  
*Adopted August 22, 2012*

**Members Present:** Kenneth Sheytanian, Carolyn Famiglietti, Harvey Steiner, Linda Sternberg

**Members Absent:** Robert Childs, John Hecker

**Staff Present:** Christopher Hayward, Daphne Collins, Steve Magoon

**Public Present:** (See Sign-In Form)

Steiner chaired.

**1. Information/Discussion –Consideration of a Historic District at 917 Belmont Street**

Steiner proposed that a Historic District be considered for 917 Belmont Street to protect it from the demolition that is being proposed by the property owner. Based on an email from Christopher Skelly at MHC, the single property historic district as a demolition protection tool was substantiated. Presently, the property is under a demolition delay period imposed by the Historical Commission to allow for preservation options to be investigated.

Steiner noted that as the HDC for Watertown the HDC would be the board to Study the Establishment of a Local Historic District. However, authorization from Town Council would have to be sought.

Hayward outlined the process for establishing a historic district.

**Vote:** Famiglietti moved to write a letter to the Town Council to charge the HDC to study the establishment of a historic district at 917 Belmont Street. Sternberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Magoon recommended that the letter be submitted by Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> so that the item could be docketed on the TC's next agenda of August 14<sup>th</sup>.

If a positive authorization from TC is received, the HDC agreed to meet August 22, 2012 in the Lower Hearing Room at 6:30pm to start the 917 Belmont Historic District Study process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

