

Subject to Approval

**Old Elm Street Study Group
Regular Meeting, June 27, 2022
7:30 p.m. at Madison Town Campus
Meeting Room: Zoom Online Webinar**

MEMBERS Present: Thomas Boyle, Eric Berg, Susan Cartledge, John Lind, Peter Clement

MEMBERS absent: Eric Axberg

ALTERNATES absent: Denny Van Liew

ALTERNATES present: Carol Snow.

OTHERS PRESENT: The meeting was available on and recorded through a Zoom online webinar.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Thomas Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm
2. Carol Snow updated members on funding application for final report – our application was approved in the entire amount of \$8500 with no match necessary. Thanks to town planner Erin Mannix for shepherding this application through the process. Carol reports that the BOS meeting taking place concurrently with this meeting is expected to approve the offer of funding. We need a template to re-request an RFP from the contractors already contacted which will be forthcoming from Mary Dunne at SHPO. Chairman Boyle offered thanks to Carol Snow for writing the application and making this funding happen and Carol thanked former town planner Dave Anderson for helping with the application. It was decided not to publicize this news immediately but to wait until more members of the proposed district are informed and make their intentions known.
3. Assignments and telephone calls are proceeding with limited resources.
4. Personal visits are continuing. Tom Boyle and Eric Berg visited about 14 homes on Sunday, 06/26/2022 and were able to speak with only a few owners. We left information at all homes where no one was home. We had no negative feedback. Eric Axberg sent over a draft of a questionnaire to leave behind on personal visits which will be sent to all study group members to weigh in on the wording. Also, a letter will be sent to all members of the proposed district informing them of the funding received.
5. Public Meeting – discussion regarding a public meeting. It was proposed and decided that a public meeting would be held at Chairman Boyle's home at 390 Boston Post Rd in the form of an informal picnic. Timing and further details to be decided. The meeting would need to be properly noticed to qualify as a bona-fide public meeting for the proposed district.

6. Barberry Farm (353 Boston Post Rd) Update. Chairman Boyle related information regarding the preliminary application for a planned development on this property and its effect on the proposed district. He has been invited to meetings of the neighbors along Stony Lane (adjacent to the proposed development). Chairman Boyle indicated that he attended a meeting with the Stony Lane residents and the developer and had a conversation with the developer regarding membership in the proposed district and possible input from the Madison Historical Society similar to their input into the development at the General's Residence which is being done by the same developer. There will be an Inland/Wetlands meeting on August 1 which all members of the study committee are urged to attend. There is an option for the developer to purchase the remaining acreage of the farm which affects the proposed district directly. Much discussion on attempting to include the farm in the proposed district. John Lind made a suggestion that perhaps the Stony Lane residents could be made part of the proposed district - , to be discussed in the future.
7. Winter Club - Chairman Boyle indicated that he noticed an application for a change in the zoning regulations for this property at 251 Boston Post Rd (within the proposed district boundaries) to allow restaurants in this zone. . The application was denied
8. Minutes from April 25 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Chairman Boyle seconded by Carol Snow, and approved unanimously.
9. John Lind made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Cartledge. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Boyle, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene H. Kennedy, clerk