

WALLINGFORD HISTORIC
PROPERTIES COMMISSION
2019-2020

Regular

Kimberly Lode-Dellaseva, Chair
Cheryl Christie Collett, Vice
Chair
Tara Knapp, Clerk
Barbara Sibley
Raymond Ross

Alternate

Bob Prentice

Town of Wallingford
Historic Properties Commission
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

ANNUAL REPORT

May 2020

The Wallingford Historic Properties Commission respectfully submits this 2020 Annual Report of activity, which occurred during the previous session of March 2019 to May 2020. This year's report is through May 2020 due to the March 2020 Annual Meeting being postponed due to the Covid-19 crisis. The Historic Properties Commission is pleased to serve the Town of Wallingford as outlined in Wallingford Ordinance #466.

OVERVIEW:

Establishment of the Commission:

The Wallingford Historic Properties Commission (HPC) was established by the Wallingford Town Council by Ordinance #466 of the Wallingford Code Part II, Chapter 127.1-3 on January 26, 1999 and in accordance with Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 7-147.

The Town Council appointed the first roster of 5 regular and 3 alternate members on March 27, 2001. The Commission's Regulations and Rules of Procedure were approved and adopted 10/18/01; revised 6/26/2013.

Purpose of the Commission:

The purpose of the Commission is to preserve and protect the significant historical qualities of the buildings under its jurisdiction so that the public may enjoy their presence within the Town of Wallingford for generations to come. Providing for a greater awareness of Wallingford's cultural and architectural heritage, these sites are reflective of the 17th, 18th, 19th centuries and of the professionalism of the early historic preservation movement.

Scope of Jurisdiction:

The Commission shall administer and shall have only such powers and duties as may directly relate to the specific historic properties designated by the Wallingford Ordinance or by amendments thereto. Only those properties listed in the Wallingford Ordinance are affected by HPC Regulations and Procedures. The three properties included are: 538 North Main St – known as *Nehemiah Royce House (c. 1672)*; 1211 Barnes Rd – known as *Joseph Blakeslee House (c. 1780)* * house demolished 11/17/08; 153 South Main St – known as *Franklin and Harriet Johnson Mansion (c. 1866)* * barn demolished Jan. 2011.

Powers and Duties:

The Commission has those powers, will perform those functions and will be subject to such limitations as provided by the Connecticut General Statutes under Chapter 97a, titled "Historic Districts and Historic Properties" (CGS Section 7-147) and as it may be amended from time to time. The Commission shall review and act upon all applications for Certificate of Appropriateness. Unless exempted by CGS Section 7-147, no building or structure, earthworks or site of recognized historic or archaeological importance, within the boundaries of a historic property shall be erected, altered, removed or demolished until after an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness has been submitted to and approved by the Commission.

BUDGET:

2019 Budget: Zero (\$0.00)

The commission has no budget allotted by Town Council. All members serve without compensation. Expenses incurred in 2019 from generating the Annual Report, letters and mailings were paid for by members of the Historic Properties Commission.

2020 Expected Budget: Zero (\$0.00). The commission has no budget allotted by Town Council.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Commission Members: March 7, 2019 – May 19, 2020

Regular Members: Cheryl Christie Collett, Tara Knapp, Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Barbara Sibley, Raymond Ross

Alternate: Bob Prentice

Missing Alternate Members: Jean Garcia, Maria Santiago

Please note that Alternate Member Jean Garcia notified the Commission that she is no longer serving on the Commission. She was asked to write a letter of resignation, but no letter has been received.

Please note that Alternate Member Maria Santiago is currently unreachable via telephone, email and post mail by the Commission within the past year.

Officers: March 7, 2019 – May 19, 2020

Chair: Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva; *Vice-Chair:* Cheryl Christie Collett; *Clerk:* Tara Knapp

ACTIVITIES: March 7, 2019 – May 19, 2020

Please note that Alternate Member Maria Santiago has been unreachable via telephone, email and post mail by the Commission within the past year. She has not attended any meetings this past year.

March 7, 2019: Annual meeting was held on March 7, 2019. An overview of the properties was discussed. Officers were selected for the next term of March 2019 to March 2020.

April – September 2019: No WHPC meetings occurred.

October 17, 2019: A special meeting was scheduled for October 30 for an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) by the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust (WHPT) for the Nehemiah Royce House.

October 21, 2019: The Special Meeting planned for October 30 was canceled.

November 7, 2019: Alternate Member Jean Garcia notified the Commission Chair via email response to the upcoming meeting that she is no longer serving on the Commission. She was asked to write a letter of resignation for the Commission and Town Council, but no letter has been received. She has not attended any meetings this past year.

November 21, 2019: A special meeting was held for an application and presentation for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) by the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust (WHPT) for the Nehemiah Royce House. The application was for a "Well House" cover for a free-standing electrical box. The COA Application was approved.

March 12, 2020: The WHPC Annual Meeting was scheduled for March 30, 2020.

March 19, 2020: The WHPC Annual Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

May 6, 2020: The WHPC Annual Meeting and a meeting for an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) by the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust (WHPT) to install National Register Signage at the Nehemiah Royce House and the Johnson Mansion was scheduled for May 19, 2020. The WHPT also requested to extend the 11/21/19 COA for the Well House at the Royce House. It has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Signs per the Handbook for Historic District Commissions and Historic Property Commissions in Connecticut. Section VI. Rules of Procedure. D. Certificate of Appropriateness.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is required for, but not limited to, any of the following exterior work that may be visible from a public street, place or way:

f. Outdoor advertising signs and bill posters.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is valid for 180 days (6 months). The COA for the Well House will expire on 5/21/20. Per the Town of Wallingford Historic Properties Commission Regulations and Rules of Procedure.

Section 5: 5.1.1 Expiration of Application:

Approval of certificates of appropriateness will expire and are congruent with the State Building Code regulations used by the Wallingford Building Department (Section 105.5 of the 2005 Connecticut Supplement.) The Application will become invalid unless authorized work has commenced within 180 days of issuance, or if the authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work commenced.

The Commission is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of not more than 180 days each. Extensions shall be requested by the owner or authorized agent in writing and justifiable cause shall be demonstrated.

PROPERTIES SUMMARY:

Blakeslee Property- 1211 Barnes Rd.: Owner, Town of Wallingford.

No applications for certificate of appropriateness received. No known activity.

Royce House – 538 N. Main St.: Owner, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, Inc.

Jerry Farrell, Jr., President.

No applications for certificate of appropriateness received.

Johnson Mansion- 153 S. Main St.: Owner, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, Inc.

Jerry Farrell, Jr., President.

No applications for certificate of appropriateness received.

We thank the Town of Wallingford for the opportunity to serve the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Chair
Wallingford Historic Properties Commission

Historic Properties Commission:

Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Cheryl Christie Collett, Tara Knapp, Barbara Sibley, Raymond Ross
(Alt) Bob Prentice

cc: State of CT, State Historic Preservation Office; Mayor William Dickinson, Town of Wallingford; Town Council Members

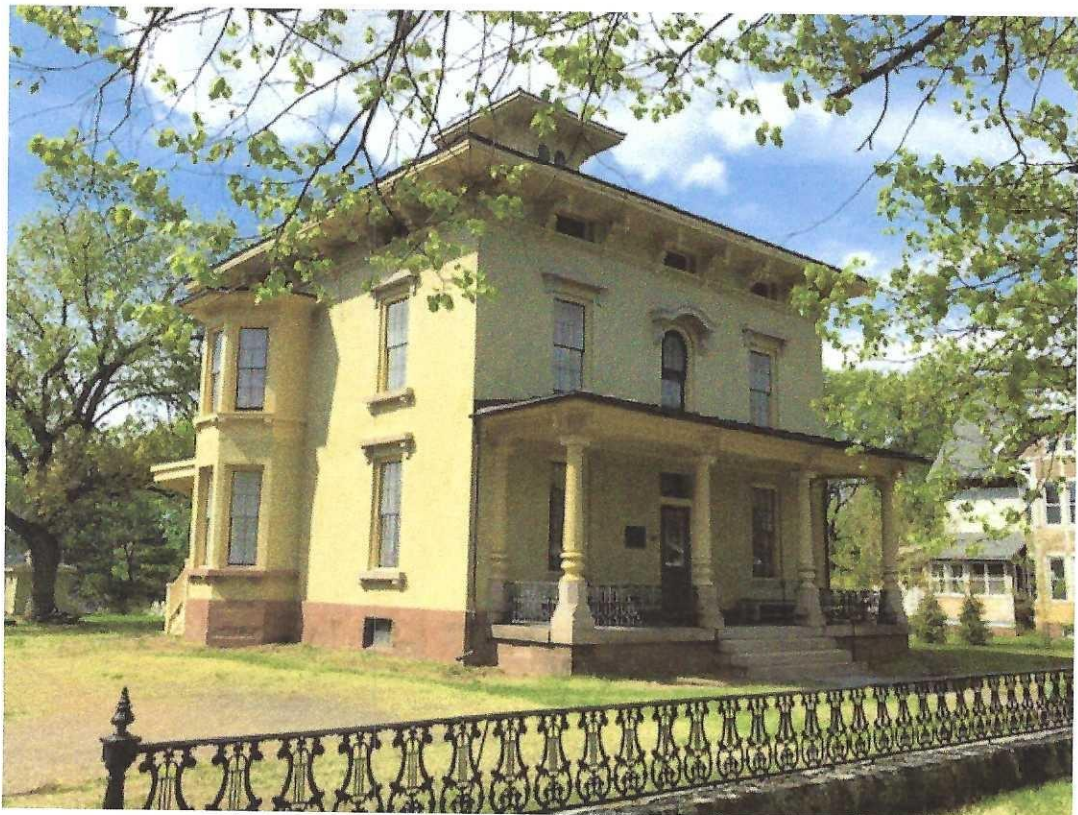
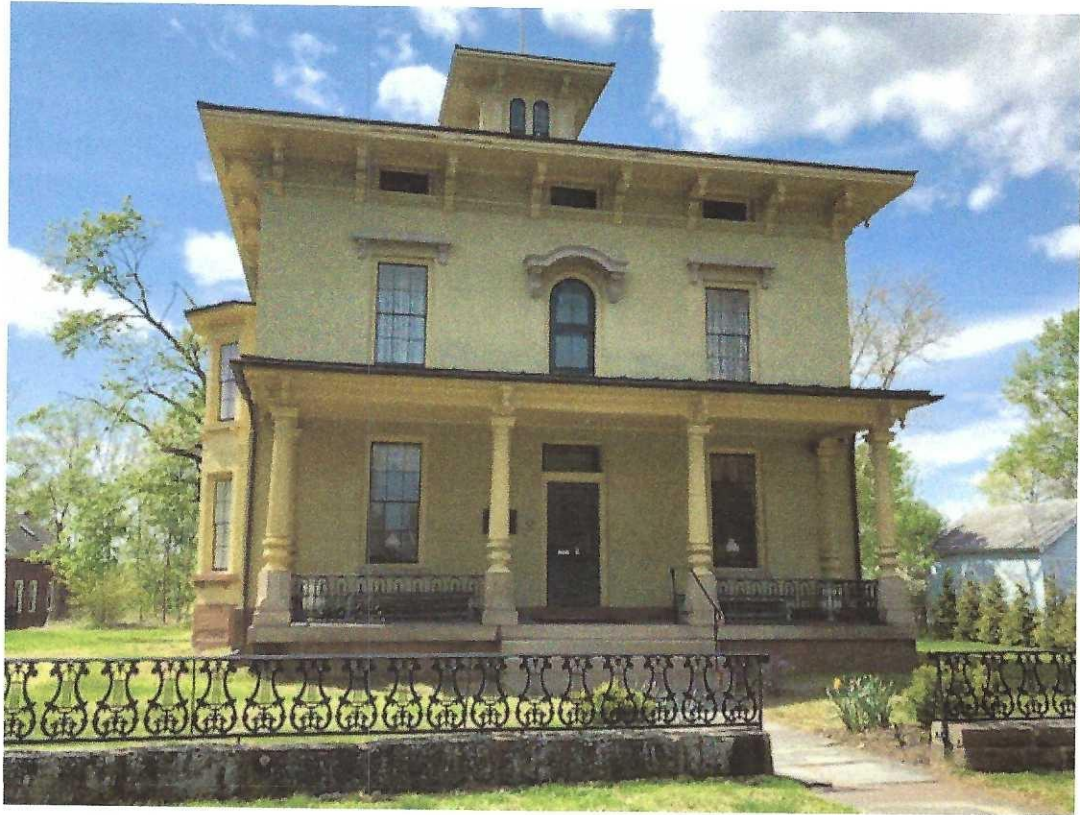
Attachments:

Addendum A: Images of the Johnson and Royce Properties
(No image of Blakeslee Property – Demolished 11/17/08)

Addendum A

Images (May 2020)

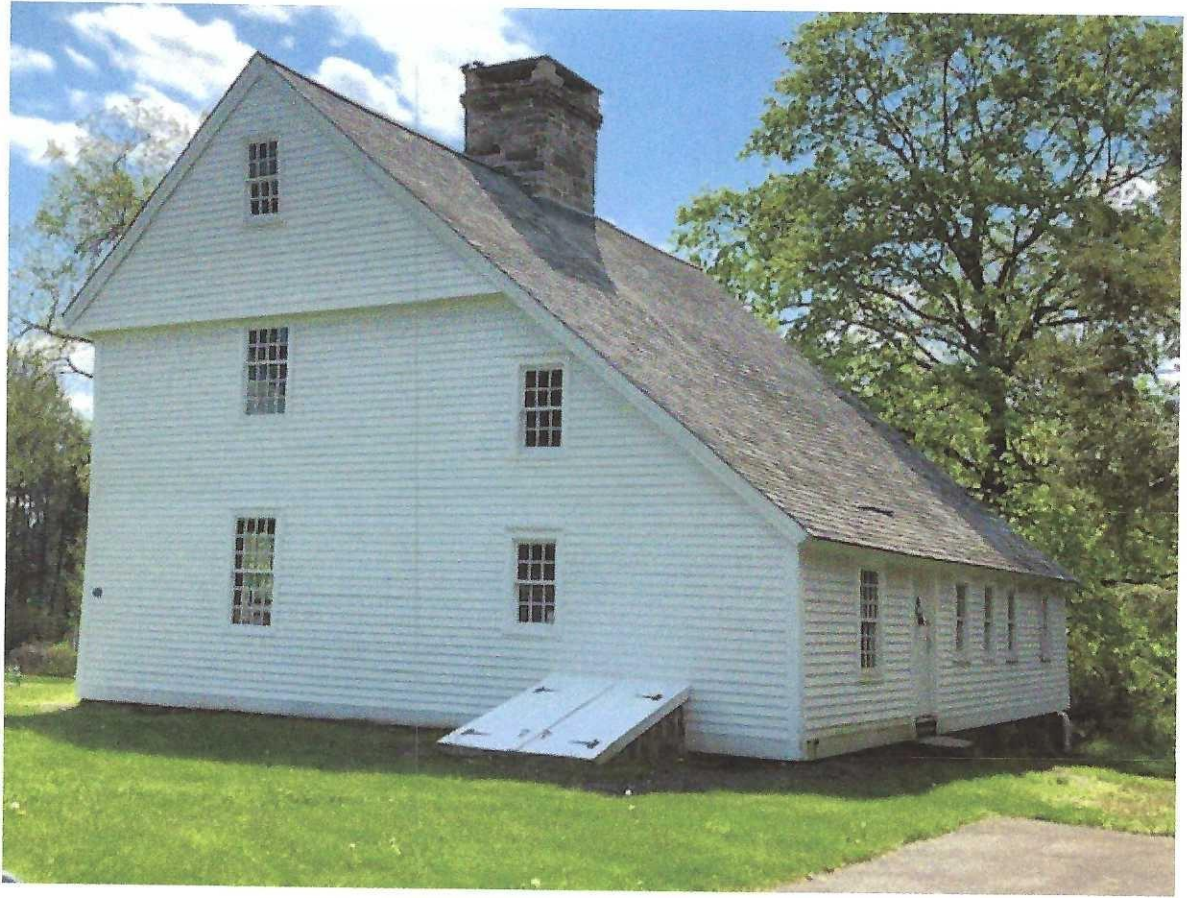
Franklin and Harriet Johnson Mansion Property, Wallingford CT





Nehemiah Royce House, Wallingford CT



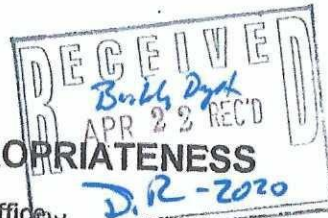


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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

To be submitted to the Building Department Office by
for official action by the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission.



Date APRIL 22, 2020

FILE IN TRIPLICATE

Application is hereby made for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work described below:

① THE AMERICAN SILVER MUSEUM - F. JOHNSON MAN.

Historical Bldg Name (if applicable) & Address of Proposed Work ② NEHEMIAH ROYCE HOUSE

638 NORTH MAIN ST. WALLINGFORD, CT 06492/153 SO. MAIN ST. WALLINGFORD

Owner's Name WALLINGFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST Phone/email 203 774-5002

Address 6 NORTH MAIN ST. SUITE 202, WALLINGFORD, CT ATTN: JERRY FARRELL, JR

Owner Agent Name & Title ATTY. JERRY FARRELL, JR Phone/email 203 774-5002

Contractor's Name, Address, Phone RICHARD STRAUB, PROJECT OVERSEER 203 292-9650

Architect Name, Address, Phone NONE

Proposed Work is: ☐ Change ☐ Addition ☐ New Construction ☐ Demolition ☐ Moving
Work is to be done on: ☐ Residential/Commercial/Office ☐ Accessory Bldg ☐ Land ☒ Other

Date work will start: UPON RECEIPT OF APPROVAL

Date work will finish: ONLY A ONE DAY R

Description of Proposed Work (Be specific; include materials list, photographs of existing conditions, and scaled drawings of proposed work. Attach additional sheets if necessary). TO ERECT OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

☒ see attached photos and architectural drawings SIGNAGE AT TWO TRUST PROPERTIES...

SIGNS ARE DESIGNED BY THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. A

A GRANT FROM THE POMEROY FOUNDATION HAS BEEN AWARDED WHPT FOR BOTH THE

JOHNSON MANSION AND THE ROYCE HOUSE

☒ SIGN INFORMATION

☒ INFORMATION SUMMARY FROM WALLINGFORD PLANNING & ZONING

Richard F. Straub, WHPT Building S.
Signature of Applicant (or authorized Agent)

OFFICIAL ACTION

Date Application Filed: _____
Date of Public Hearing: _____

Date Received by Commission: _____
Building Permit Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

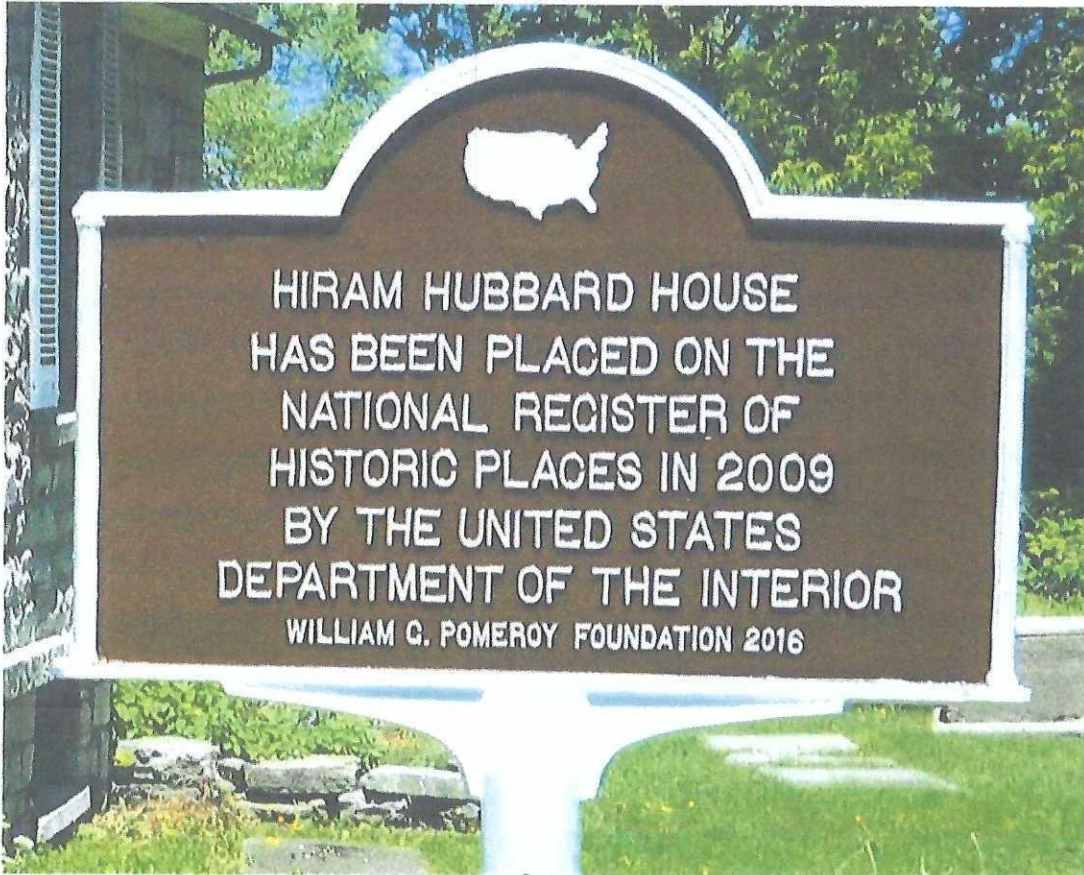
☐ Application APPROVED as submitted
☐ Application APPROVED as modified (see attached _____)
☐ Application APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (see attached _____)
☐ Application DENIED

DATE: _____

Signed _____
Commissioner - Title

National Register Signage Grant Program

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The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. More than 93,000 properties are listed in the National Register, representing 1.8 million contributing resources (e.g. buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects).

When a property or district is placed on the National Register, the designation does not include funding for a plaque or sign, and many do not have signage. Upon learning this, the Pomeroy Foundation decided to bridge that gap and provide grants covering the costs to obtain signage at public properties or historic districts.

[Apply for Grant](#)

Eligibility

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) organizations, nonprofit academic institutions, and local, state and federal government entities within the United States. At this time, funding is not available for private residences or commercial properties. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact an eligible local organization, such as a municipal historian or historical organization. They will often apply for the grant on behalf of the individual.

Marker Inscription

The text on National Register signage is fixed, except for property name and year of National Register designation. The inscription reads as follows:

<property name>

HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF

HISTORICAL PLACES IN <year>

BY THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

WILLIAM G. POMEROY FOUNDATION

Marker Design

The colors of the roadside marker are brown with white highlighted lettering and border (as pictured above). Markers are 18" x 32" cast aluminum with a 7' aluminum post.

To, Dick STRAWN

Applications for both signs are put in now and are moving along so I decided to check with Planning & Zoning to see if there are any conditions we must abide by. It was a very good call. I spoke with Amy. When I explained to her what the signs are for, she said that **this falls under the category of identifier signs** rather than advertising signs. **As an identifier sign, there are no regulations.** Also the height on the pole does not exceed 8 feet -- it is a 7 foot sign, and probably at least one foot into the ground. Also it must go on our property and not the town right of way. So if this gets approved, we are all set with P&Z. She did ask if we just submit a rendering/picture of the sign so they will have a record of it in their files.

Mary Beth Applegate - WHP volunteer

4/29/20

Hi Kimberly,

As you advised me a few weeks ago, I am following through to request that the Wallingford Properties Commission grant an extension of 180 days for the completion of the Royce well-house project. As I understand the matter, the application we had already submitted is valid until May 21, 2020. With this date nearly upon us and no forward movement because of Covid-19 it behooves WHPT to request a 180-day extension for Michael Wolmsdorf's project.

Please advise me if there is anything else required to receive this extension.

Respectfully,
Dick Straub