

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Old Saybrook Historic District Commission (OSHDC) is a five member board, empowered by Ct. General Statutes 7-147 a-1 and Town Ordinance 60, and appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The OSHDC hears applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (C.A.) for proposed changes in exterior appearances in the North Cove Historic District.

The Charter Review Commission informed us that the Commission informally known as the North Cove Historic District Commission is actually the Old Saybrook Historic District Commission which oversees the North Cove Historic District.

In December the Board of Selectmen appointed one new Commissioner, Robert Wendler. Election of officers followed. During 2003 – 2004 the Commission completed the review and amendments of the regulations and a rough draft of a handbook designed to inform the residents of the North Cove Historic District, and the general public, of the requirements for a Certificate of Appropriateness as well as of the public hearing process, the Regulations and Criteria for properties within the NCHD.

The submitted budget request was approved with minor adjustments. This budget provided for the continuation of a paid clerk, the production of support materials, and for consultants on the formation of an additional historic district. A priority consideration of the Commission is the possible creation of a second historic district which was previously surveyed in 1975 and known as the South Green Historic District. The Commission expects to present informational materials to the residents of that area in the coming year for their consideration and vote.

During 2003 – 2004 the Commission granted five Applications of Appropriateness for changes within the North Cove Historic District.

Randi Bradbury, *Chairman*