

## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

The U.S. Department of Interior's National Park Service and the Connecticut General Assembly empower the Historic District Commission to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the Town through the preservation and protection of buildings, places and districts of historic interest. The Old Saybrook Town Code authorizes the Commission to review designs for the erection or alteration of buildings and structures within the local North Cove Historic District for regulatory compliance.

The Board of Selectmen appoints 5 members and 3 alternates to the Commission for a term of 5 years each.

During the 2019 fiscal year, the Commission held 4 meetings at which it approved 5 applications for Certificate of Appropriateness for the erection, alteration, demolition or removal of the exterior architectural features of principal or accessory buildings, structures, or other work on properties visible from a public place in the North Cove Historic District or the waters.

The Commission continues to conduct non-regulatory historic preservation activities. This year, the Commission assisted the Old Saybrook Historical Society in its location of interpretive signage about the "Siege and Battle of Saybrook Fort" to inform the public about the Pequot War and the preservation of battlefields. Old Saybrook was fortunate this year, too, in that the SHPO sponsored nomination of the Shoreline Electric Railway Power Plant in Old Saybrook to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, second floor conference room. Chris Costa, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Thomas Makowicki, Building Official, assist with applications and enforce our regulations. Christine Nelson, Town Planner, is available Monday through Thursday by appointment, in the Land Use Department to answer questions concerning historic preservation in Old Saybrook.

**William A. Childress**, *Chairman*