



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Historic District Commission

*William Childress, Chairman
Barbara Harms, Vice Chair
Jan Furman, Secretary*

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*Laura Gray
Diane Aldi DePaola*

Alternate Members
*Richard Peters
Alan Cantor
Mary Kennedy*

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**
via teleconference

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL**

Present: W. Childress, M. Kennedy, J. Furman, B. Harms, D. Aldi DePaola, L. Gray, R. Peters and A. Cantor.

Also S. Makowicki, HDC Recording Clerk

No member of the public joined the call.

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes**

MOTION to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes with the amendment of adding Joe Wren to the list of attendees **Made by:** M. Kennedy; **Seconded by:** J. Furman; **In Favor:** W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, A. Cantor; **Opposed:** None; Abstained: None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

B. **Correspondence** – None

C. **Committee, Representative and Staff Reports**

W. Childress informed the commission that Diane Aldi DePaola has moved out of the district and in order to comply with the commission ordinance; Laura Gray re-joined the commission Mary Kennedy moves to alternate.

IV. OLD BUSINESS –

A. Preservation Initiative- Historic Sign Restoration

B.Harms updates the commission members on fundraising for the historic sign restoration. As of November 9, 2020 \$10,230 has been raised from 94 donors, out of the goal of \$25,000. B. Harms is working on submitting new budget to get a match for the \$10,230 raised. B. Harms has asked John Canning Co. for a revised job proposal with the budget of \$25,000. Canning Co. has proposed to conserve the left side of the sign to replicate, but still look vintage. Canning Co. will need a down payment of 25% (\$6,250) at the start of the project and invoice monthly based on the progress of the job. When work is started on the project, it is the hope of the commission that interest will be sparked and more funds will be raised. Also possible is that new grants may become available. Currently Lynette is working on the new budget. J. Furman suggested that a mailing to raise funds be held off until after the new year. W. Childress recommended that all unused line items in the budget at the end of the fiscal year be dedicated to the historic sign restoration.

MOTION to dedicate all remaining line items in budget fiscal year 2020-21 to the historical sign restoration initiative: Made by J. Furman; Seconded by D. Aldi DePaola; In Favor: W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, B. Harms, M. Kennedy, A. Cantor, R. Peters, L. Gray; Opposed by None. Abstained: None
APPROVED: 5-0-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Meeting Schedule

W. Childress proposes meeting dates for 2021, continuing meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

MOTION to approve 2021 Meeting Dates: Made by W. Childress; hearing no objections, chairman so moves to approve motion.

B. Nomination and Voting of Commission Officers

Nomination for Chairman- Diane Aldi DePaola nominates William Childress for Chairman, Barbara Harms seconds the nomination. No other nominations are brought forward. The Commission votes, All in Favor, William Childress is the Chairman for the 2021 term.

Nomination for Vice Chairman- Diane Aldi DePaola nominates Barbara Harm for Vice Chairman, Jan Furman seconds the nomination. No other nominations are brought forward. The commission votes, All in Favor, Barbara Harm is the Vice Chairman for the 2021 term.

Nomination of Secretary- Barbara Harm nominates Jan Furman for Secretary, Diane Aldi DePaola seconds the nomination. No other nominations are brought forward. The commission votes, All in Favor, Jan Furman is the Secretary for the 2021 Term.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting of **Tuesday January 19, 2020**
Made by J. Furman; **Seconded** by B. Harms; **In Favor:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J.
Furman, B. Harms, M. Kennedy, R. Peters, A. Cantor; L. Gray; **Opposed** by none;
Abstained by none; **APPROVED:** 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Makowicki, Recording Clerk