



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Historic District Commission**

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**Alternate Members**  
Richard Peters  
Alan Cantor  
Paul Knierim*

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Hybrid Meeting  
Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room  
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman W. Childress called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present** – William Childress, Barbara Harms, Jan Furman, Diane Aldi DePaola, Laura Gray (remote), Richard Peters, Alan Cantor, Paul Knierim.

**Members Absent** – None

**Staff Present** – Lynette Wacker, Assistant Town Planner; C. Maharbiz, HDC Recording Clerk

**III. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Minutes – 2/15/22**

For the vote on the minutes, W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, L. Gray, and A. Cantor were seated; specifically, A. Cantor was seated for D. Aldi DePaola. After the vote on the minutes, all regular members were seated: W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, L. Gray, and D. Aldi DePaola; alternate members were not seated.

<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 15, 2022, as presented; <b>Made by:</b> B. Harms; <b>Seconded by:</b> A. Cantor; <b>In Favor:</b> W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, L. Gray, A. Cantor; <b>Opposed:</b> None; <b>Abstained:</b> None. <b>APPROVED:</b> 5-0-0.</p>
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**B. Correspondence** – None.

**C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports** – None.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Historic Ghost Sign Update

B. Harms provided copies of the Ghost Sign design, explaining the words included on the sign. A delivery boy graphic was added to the empty space based on historic record as decided by HDC at a prior meeting. B. Harms reported that the Commission has received \$14,757 in donations, including a grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Cannings agreed to complete the sign for the original proposal even with the decision to overlap with the Crowley sign. HDC gave \$2,000 from their budget toward the deposit and have approximately \$1743 left to put toward the sign. A proposal has been signed with Cannings and the Ghost Sign is now on their calendar with a likely completion date after Labor Day. The Commission needs to approve spending the remaining budget, which is approximately \$1743, on the Ghost Sign. B. Harms stated that the remaining budget amount may be slightly lower after the donation by Erin Sliva from the tote bag sales is accounted for.

**MOTION** to pay the remaining balance of the Historic District Commission's budget for the current fiscal year toward the Ghost Sign, **MADE by** J. Furman; **SECONDED by:** D. Aldi DePaola; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, L. Gray, D. Aldi DePaola; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

B. Harms mentioned that there are 4 or 5 pieces of lath attached to the building, which will need to be removed before the sign is completed, as well as conduit running next to a window. A. Cantor and R. Peters volunteered to take a look. B. Harms further stated that every 6 to 10 years, consolidation, which is a type of sealant, will need to be applied. She reported that HDC was not granted a preservation easement by the building's owner. She brought up the possibility of insuring the sign and told commission members what her insurance agent told her. She asked commission members to think about the possibility of insurance.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m., Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, **MADE by** J. Furman; **SECONDED by:** D. Aldi DePaola; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, L. Gray, D. Aldi DePaola; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.