



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Historic District Commission**

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

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*Diane Aldi DePaola  
Laura Gray  
**Alternate Members**  
Richard Peters  
Alan Cantor  
Paul Knierim*

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 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 7:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present** – William Childress, Diane Aldi DePaola, Laura Gray, Alan Cantor, Paul Knierim.

**Members Absent** – Barbara Harms, Jan Furman, Richard Peters

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

**III. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Minutes**

**MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 19, 2022, as presented; **Made by:** D. Aldi DePaola; **Seconded by:** L. Gray; **In Favor:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, L. Gray, A. Cantor, P. Knierim; **Opposed:** None; **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

**B. Correspondence** – None.

**C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports** – Commission members reviewed the updated Certificate of Appropriateness Form.

**MOTION** to approve the updated Certificate of Appropriateness form as written; **Made by:** D. Aldi DePaola; **Seconded by:** A. Cantor; **In Favor:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, L. Gray, A. Cantor, P. Knierim; **Opposed:** None; **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to demolish existing sitting room and rebuild larger kitchen addition with siding, windows, roofing to match existing house, and a 10' x 12' wood framed greenhouse.

68 North Cove Road (Map 31/Lot 15-1)

*Owner/Applicant: Roderick & Heather Lavallee Agent: Joseph Bergin*

*ACTION: Filed 9/1/2022; open public hearing, decision by 10/18/2022 (NLT 11/4/2022)*

Architect Joseph Bergin presented. He showed the site plan of the house and explained that the project will focus on the front of the house where there is an existing sitting room. The sitting room will be demolished and rebuilt as a kitchen addition. On the second floor, the applicants want to balance the front façade so they are placing a window to create symmetry with the windows on the other side, and are replacing a double door that went out to a second story porch with a window. Mr. Bergin showed the windows on the elevations. He also stated that anything new will match existing materials and explained the need for the metal roof being added. He passed out product brochures about the metal roof.

A. Cantor asked if the section being removed is original to the house, which Mr. Bergin affirmed, and further responded that the house was built in 2001. W. Childress stated that it is not a contributing house. A. Cantor also asked about the septic tank and leach field. Mr. Bergin stated that they have approval from the Health District.

D. Aldi DePaola asked if the applicant will be installing the same windows as the existing ones. Mr. Bergin explained that the windows will be the same brand, but not the same model as it is no longer available. The windows will have the same look nevertheless.

Mr. Bergin also stated that the applicants are retroactively seeking approval of a greenhouse at the rear of the property. W. Childress recommended that the applicant check that they obtained a building permit for this greenhouse.

<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve the application, <b>MADE by</b> P. Knierim; <b>SECONDED by:</b> L. Gray; <b>VOTED IN FAVOR:</b> W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, L. Gray, A. Cantor, P. Knierim; <b>OPPOSED:</b> None; <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None; <b>APPROVED:</b> 5-0-0.</p>
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#### V. DISCUSSION

Update of Historic and Cultural Resources section of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Members discussed the section and shared their thoughts on what is included as well as other ideas for protecting historic places. Commission members decided to review the draft once it is released, and will provide comments to L. Wacker and/or C. Costa.

D. Aldi DePaola passed out a handout about the Certified Local Government Program. Commission members discussed whether HDC can and should provide input to other

commissions about historic properties or historic areas. W. Childress stated that the Town of Old Saybrook designated HDC as the agency responsible under the Certified Local Government Program. L. Wacker will find the designation.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

<p><b>MOTION</b> to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m., Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, <b>MADE by</b> P. Knierim; <b>SECONDED by:</b> D. Aldi DePaola; <b>VOTED IN FAVOR:</b> W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, L. Gray, A. Cantor, P. Knierim; <b>OPPOSED:</b> None; <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None; <b>APPROVED:</b> 5-0-0.</p>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Carolina Maharbiz, HDC Recording Clerk