

# Historic District Commission Minutes 05/15/2018



## TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK Historic District Commission

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### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Town Hall 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

W. Childress called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and, with the consent of the Commission and the COA applicants, amended the agenda to move Old Business to the end of the meeting and to reverse the order of the COA applications.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Present: W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, E. Creighton sitting for L. Gray

Absent: L. Gray, M. Kennedy, R. Peters, J. Meotti

Staff: Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Clerk

#### III. REGULAR BUSINESS

##### A. Minutes

**MOTION:** To approve the April 17, 2018 meeting Minutes as presented; **MADE:** D. Aldi DePaola; **SECONDED:** E. Creighton; **IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, E. Creighton, J. Furman; **OPPOSED:** 0; **ABSTAINED:** 0; **APPROVED** 4-0-0

##### B. Correspondence - none

##### C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports - none

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features

Installation of a front step handrail

101 North Cove Road (Map 32/Lot 2)

Applicant/Owner: Matthew L. & Eileen M. Kravitz

Matthew Kravitz presented his application to actually add two handrails to the front steps for ease of access. It was noted that the house is not designated by the HDC as "contributing" to the historic character of the District and that there are many similar handrails in the District.

**MOTION:** To approve Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to add two handrails to front steps for ease of access. **MADE:** E. Creighton; **SECONDED:** J. Furman; **IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, E. Creighton, J. Furman; **OPPOSED:** 0; **ABSTAINED:** 0; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0

##### B. "John Ingraham House" (1734)

Certificate of Appropriateness—Alteration of Existing Structure

91 North Cove Road (Map 32 / Lot 1)

Applicant: Russell and Francesca Warren, Owners      Agent: Brooke Girty Design

Brooke Girty, of Brooke Girty Design and Steve Hallihan, builder, presented the application on behalf of the applicants. Ms. Girty reviewed the drawings of existing and proposed elevations, indicating the characteristics of each of three discreet sections of the house:

- 1) The eastern and original section being the oldest (1734) as the main house, will be left entirely intact and restored. On the south elevation of this section, the principal activities will be replacing windows and the front door to more closely approximate the originals, which had been removed and replaced over time; and replacing the asphalt roof shingles with wood shakes. On the north elevation of this section, the filled in porch and shallow deck (not original) will be removed and rebuilt as shown of the plans.
- 2) The middle section, being an early addition, will be renovated and include a new porch on the south side, similar to an early porch which had been filled as living space.
- 3) The western section, added much later and being not well built, will be removed and rebuilt per the plans submitted.

Materials to be used in the renovation are detailed in the submission. Members of the Commission asked many questions of the applicants' representatives to fully understand the proposals in detail. Two members of the public asked questions and made comments, generally in support of the application.

While the application made references to a proposed new pool, fencing and walls, the Commission felt that there was insufficient information presented to consider these additional structures. The Commission decided to act upon the proposals for the house and to defer consideration of the other features pending further information from the applicants. The public hearing was closed as to proposals relating to the house and continued as to the proposals relating to the pool, walls and fencing.

**MOTION:** To approve the proposed alterations to the "John Ingraham House" (1734) **Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features Alteration of Existing Structure** as presented, including renovations to the existing house, add porches at front, back and toward existing pool; rebuild enclosed porch & deck at back; rebuild western end of house. Consideration and action with respect to the pool, walls and fencing will be continued until the next regular meeting of the Commission to allow applicants to submit additional information. **MADE:** J. Furman; **SECONDED:** E. Creighton; **IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, E. Creighton, J. Furman; **OPPOSED:** 0; **ABSTAINED:** 0; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Awareness-building Initiative - Historic Interpretive Displays**

D. Aldi Depaola presented printed copies of the signs to be constructed and gave the Commission an update on related matters.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. until next Meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., 302 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room; **MADE:** D. Aldi DePaola; **SECONDED:** J. Furman; **IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, E. Creighton; **OPPOSED:** 0; **ABSTAINED:** 0; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Tiezzi*

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