
Historic District Commission Minutes 11/16/2017

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK Historical District Commission

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 2017 Room - 302 Main Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

W Childress called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: W Childress, D DePaola, J. Meotti, M Kennedy, J Furman, L Gray, E Creighton, R Peters

Staff Present: Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Secretary

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Minutes (members and alternates attending the 9/21 meeting were seated)

MOTION: To approve the September 21, 2017 meeting Minutes as presented: **MADE:** Eugene Creighton; **SECONDED:** Jan Furman; **IN FAVOR:** W Childress, J Furman, E Creighton; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 3-0-0.

B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports

There were no Committee, Representative or Staff reports.

D. 2018 Meeting Calendar (all regular members were seated)

MOTION: To adopt as proposed the 2018 meeting calendar dated November 7, 2017 for submission to Sarah Becker, Town Clerk, as presented: **MADE:** M Kennedy; **SECONDED:** D DePaola; **IN FAVOR:** W Childress, J Furman, D DePaola, L Gray, M. Kennedy; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Certificate of Appropriateness for Alteration of Principal Building (all regular members seated)

Replacement of eight 2nd story windows
148 North Cove Road (Map 32 /Lot 59)

Applicant: Richard Peters, owner

ACTION: *Rec'd 10/16/17; Open hearing, continue or close; Act by 11/16/17 mtg. (NLT 12/19/17)*

W Childress opened the public hearing. Mr. Peters presented the application. This is a request to replace eight, second-story double hung windows, two of which are proposed to be installed on the west side, four at the front-north side, two at the east side. All of the windows will be the same size as the existing.

Mr. Peters explained that the existing wood windows had been significantly deteriorated by weather and salt despite efforts to maintain them. He stated that the proposed new windows will be made of a composite of wood and PVC but identical in design and appearance to the existing.

W Childress noted that while the Commission's guiding Criteria recommend replacing exterior architectural features with like materials, the Commission voted last year to allow alternative, composite, materials where appropriate and there is no change in design or appearance. This was in recognition of the weather-related difficulties of maintaining wood materials (especially with respect to trim and window sash) and the advent of newer composites more nearly replicating the appearance of wood.

Discussion ensued as to the use of alternate materials in general and in this particular application.

W Childress asked if any member of the public was present to speak in favor or in opposition.

There were no audience members comments.

There was no further comment from the Commission.

The Commission voted to close the public hearing.

MOTION: To approve a **Certificate of Appropriateness for Alteration of Principal Building** replacement of eight, 2nd story windows, 148 North Cove Road, Map 32/Lot 59 as presented: **MADE:** D DePaolo; **SECONDED:** L Gray; **IN FAVOR:** W Childress, J Furman, D DePaola, L Gray, M. Kennedy; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

B. Fort Saybrook Battlefield of the Pequot War

National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program
Saybrook Point neighborhood, Old Saybrook
Presenter: Tedd Levy, Old Saybrook Historical Society

Tedd Levy presented and explained for the information of the Commission the history and scope on this program and promised to return periodically for updates.

C. Historical Signage

Member D DePaolo presented an idea that she has been working on with Tedd Levy and Torrance Downes to have a couple of signs made for some of the other Historical areas around town. W Childress asked for an informal show of hands. The consensus was that the Commission agreed that it is an appropriate use of the Special Project funds. D DePaolo will work on a formal proposal to the Commission.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm until the next Meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., 302 MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM; **MADE:** R Peters; **SECONDED:** M Kennedy; **IN FAVOR:** W Childress, J Furman, D DePaola, L Gray, M. Kennedy, E Creighton, J Meotti; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Tiezzi
Recording Secretary