



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Historic District Commission

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**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting
Town Hall 2nd floor conference room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman W. Childress called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present – William Childress, B. Harms, Jan Furman, Laura Gray (arrived at 6:29), Alan Cantor (seated for D. Aldi DePaola), Paul Knierim (not seated).

Members Absent –Diane Aldi DePaola, Richard Peters

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

III. DISCUSSION

Discussion of historic preservation strategies with members of the Old Saybrook Historical Society.

Tedd Levy and Arlene Sakatos were present from the Historical Society. W. Childress reviewed points and ideas generated with L. Wacker and C. Costa regarding promotion, education and preservation of historic resources. Mr. Levy discussed the Certified Local Government designation and explained that the first project typically undertaken is a survey of historic homes. Commission members discussed the possibility of digitizing such a survey and making the information more accessible as well as publicizing the change in historical resources over time by looking at past surveys. Commission members also discussed historic tax credits and agreed that a newspaper article would be a good avenue to educate the public. L. Wacker suggested scheduling an information session to educate the public about historic tax credits and any exemptions under the Flood Plain Management Ordinance. Mr. Levy suggested that the Commission contact the state Historic Preservation Office to discuss what is involved in doing a survey and then meet to map out a plan of action.

MOTION to invite a representative from the state Historic Preservation Office to explain the availability of their resources and to meet at the Old Saybrook Historical Society Archives, **MADE by** W. Childress; **SECONDED by:** B. Harms; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, L. Gray, A. Cantor; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, **MADE by** B. Harms; **SECONDED by:** L. Gray; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, L. Gray, A. Cantor; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolina Maharbiz, HDC Recording Clerk