



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Historic District Commission**

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*William Childress, Chairman  
Diane Aldi DePaola, Vice Chair  
Jan Furman, Secretary*

*Mary Kennedy  
Laura Gray*

**Alternate Members**

*Eugene Creighton*

*Richard Peters  
Barbara Harms*

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Town Hall  
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, B. Harms (seated for L Gray), M. Kennedy, E. Creighton (seated for J. Furman)

Absent: R. Peters, L. Gray, and J. Furman

**III. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Minutes –**

W. Childress made a motion to add April 14<sup>th</sup> minutes to agenda. M. Kennedy made a motion to **Accept** the minutes, **Seconded:** B. Harms, **In Favor:** D. Aldi DePaola, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, **Abstained:** W. Childress, E. Creighton, **APPROVED:** 3-2-0.

G. Creighton made a motion to **Accept** June 18<sup>th</sup> minutes (revised to replace “Annual Meeting” w/ “Regular Meeting”), **Seconded:** M. Kennedy, **In Favor:** D. Aldi DePaola, E. Creighton, M. Kennedy **Abstained:** W. Childress, B. Harms, **APPROVED:** 3-2-0.

**B. Correspondence - None**

**C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports**

D. Aldi De Paola reported that Historic Interpretive Displays are going up and that brochures including a walking map are at the greeting center.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS - W. Childress opened the Public Hearing.**

**A. “Giles Blague House” (1807)**

**Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features**

Property line fence, stairs for barn, basketball hoop, yard lighting, stone wall  
69 Cromwell Place (Map 32/Lot 56)  
Applicant: Robert Laurie, Owner

Applicant described location of split rail fence on property line where over growth has been cleared and paved area in front of barn where basketball hoop would be located. He went on to describe the 6 previously installed cedar lamp posts w/traditional oil lamp-look fixtures (for which he thought he had prior approval) and proposed stairs on Barn needed to bridge elevation change from new paved driveway.

W. Childress asked if b-ball hoop will be grounded. Applicant confirmed that it would be grounded and mentioned three other neighbors with similar b-ball hoops.

There was discussion about the proposed stairs on the Barn being made of wood or stone and being 4 or five steps. W. Childress confirmed that the Public Notice did not specify wood. It was suggested that the Applicant review the State Historic District Regulations prior to beginning future projects.

Item #5 – Stone Wall was withdrawn by the Applicant.

**MOTION:** To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features including 1) property line fence, 2) stairs for barn **made of wood or stone**, 3) basketball hoop, 4) yard lighting at 69 Cromwell Place (Map 32/Lot 56) **MADE:** E. Creighton, (W. Childress suggested modifying motion to approve stairs for barn to include wood or stone fabrication, E. Creighton accepted the modification). **SECONDED:** M. Kennedy; **IN FAVOR:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, E. Creighton; **OPPOSED:** 0; **ABSTAINED:** 0; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

V. **OLD BUSINESS** – see Staff Report

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. until next meeting on **Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 302 Main Street; MADE** by E. Creighton, **SECONDED** by W. Childress; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** D. Aldi DePaola, W. Childress, E. Creighton, M. Kennedy, B. Harms; **OPPOSED** by none; **ABSTAINED** by none; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Riordan  
Recording Clerk

NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
**Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**  
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