

# Historic District Commission Minutes 03/16/2017



## TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK Historical District Commission

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*William Childress, Chairman  
Diane Aldi DePaola, Vice Chair  
Jeffrey Meotti, Secretary*

*Mary Kennedy  
Jan E. Furman*

**Alternate Members**  
*Eugene Creighton  
Richard C. Peters  
Laura P. Gray*

### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room - 302 Main Street

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

D DePaola called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Diane Aldi DePaola, M. Kennedy, Laura Gray J. Furman, and E Creighton, seated for W. Childress.

Members Absent: W Childress, R Peters, J. Meotti

Staff Present: Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary

#### III. REGULAR BUSINESS

**MOTION:** To move regular business to the end of the Agenda: **MADE:** M Kennedy; **SECONDED:** L. Gray; **IN FAVOR:** D DePaola, M. Kennedy, L. Gray, J Furman, E Creighton; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Certificate of Appropriateness for Alteration of Principal Building** (replace garage doors)  
60 North Cove Road (Map 31 /Lot 16)  
Applicant: Paul & Kathleen Connolly, owners  
**ACTION:** Rec'd 2/27/17; Open hearing, continue or close; Act by 4/20/17 mtg. (NLT 5/2/2017).

D DePaola recused herself as an abutting neighbor.

J Furman opened the public hearing.

Paul Connelly presented. This is a proposal to replace the existing garage doors with new fiberglass doors that have two transom windows in each door's top panel. The windows reflects the dormer window situated above the garage doors which is a 4' over 4' window. This style of garage door is used on multiple addresses throughout North Cove Road area. There will be metal handles at the center of each door.

Ms. Furman asked what the garage doors will be made from. Mr. Connolly said fiberglass made to resemble wood.

Gene Creighton and Mary Kennedy stated the new doors would be an improvement.

**MOTION:** To approve a **Certificate of Appropriateness for Alteration of Principal Building** (replace garage doors), 60 North Cove Road, Map 31/Lot 16: **MADE:** E Creighton; **SECONDED:** M Kennedy; **IN FAVOR:** D DePaola, M. Kennedy, L. Gray, J Furman, E Creighton; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

D DePaola returned to the meeting.

**B. Outreach Program**

Booklet about the North Cove Neighborhood

D. DePaola presented the Old Lyme Historic District Informational Booklet. D DePaola suggested a similar handbook for the Old Saybrook Historic District which can be distributed to people living in the district, developers, realtors, builders, etc. and D. DePaola stated that she will complete a draft booklet for next month's meeting.

**III. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes with the following changes: 1) Page 3, add to the recommendations for the Demolition Delay Ordinance, as per the Simplified Model, Revised January 23, 2017, Page 6, paragraph F: "if a written objection to the demolition permit is received by the building official within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of proof that the sign being posted and all required legal notices have been mailed and published, then the demolition permit shall be referred to the Historic Review Committee" The HDC recommends *21 days* for the review period.; 2) Absent from the February 16, 2017 meeting were W Childress, R Peters, J. Meotti: **MADE:** M. Kennedy; **SECONDED:** J Furman; **IN FAVOR:** D DePaola, M. Kennedy, L. Gray, J Furman, E Creighton; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

**B. Correspondence**

Members reviewed the Demolition Delay Ordinance recommendations from the Planning Commission and from the Architectural Review Board.

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

L. Gray reported that she and D DePaola attended the March 1, 2017 Planning Commission meeting and the Demolition Delay Ordinance was reviewed. L Gray stated that the Planning Commission is in favor of the preservation of the historic structures in-town. The Planning Commission recommended 120 days as length of time for a delay period and they believe the criteria for determining historic significance for homes is to be at 75 years. The Planning Commission further recommended that after a demolition sign is installed people should be allowed 30 days to object to demolition and they believe that there should be a committee of 5 people on the Historic Review Commission; one representative from the Planning Commission, one representative from the Historic District Commission, one representative from the Architectural Review Board along with First Selectman, Carl Fortuna or his designee, and a neutral person from the community.

D DePaola stated that the Demolition Delay Ordinance recommendations as crafted by the Historic District Commission, the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission were sent to C. Fortuna and the

Board of Selectmen will prepare a new policy to be approved by the selectmen and the proposal will then go to a Town meeting for approval.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm until the next Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., 302 MAIN STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM; **MADE** by M. Kennedy; **SECONDED:** J Furman; **IN FAVOR:** D DePaola, M. Kennedy, L. Gray, J Furman, E Creighton; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stella Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary