

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Historical District Commission

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Laura P. Gray*

Alternate Members
*Eugene Creighton
Richard C. Peters*

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room - 302 Main Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

W Childress called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: William Childress, Diane Aldi DePaola, Mary Kennedy, Laura Gray, Eugene Creighton seated for Jan Furman.

Members Absent: Jan Furman, Richard Peters, J. Meotti.

Staff Present: Christine Nelson, Planning Director
Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Minutes

MOTION: To approve the May 18, 2017 meeting Minutes as presented: **MADE:** M. Kennedy; **SECONDED:** L. Gray; **IN FAVOR:** W Childress, M Kennedy, L. Gray; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** D. DePaola, E Creighton; **APPROVED:** 3-0-2.

B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports

Resilience Corridor Workshops – C Nelson reported that the Town of Old Saybrook and Consulting Team are conducting two resilience corridor workshops to review the near to long term risks of future coastal flooding and sea level rise scenarios. The workshops will be conducted at the Duffy Pavilion at Saybrook Pt Park, 155 College Street on June 20 and August 1, 2017 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. C Nelson stated that at this workshop, sea level rise and climate change will be discussed and how the climate change affects intensity and frequency of storms.

CT State Historic Preservation Office - C Nelson reported that SHPO is working on a Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan to be completed by the end of the year. The Plan will be an intensive level planning document addressing the treatment of the historic and cultural resources across the state. It will serve as a guide for planning and decisions making by the SHPO, Towns, agencies, non-profit organizations and others who may affect these resources. A public workshop on the Preservation Plan is being held at the Pavilion at Saybrook Point Park, 155 College Street at Saybrook Point, Old Saybrook on June 27, 2017, 7-9:00pm

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Process during proposed Demolition Delay

W Childress stated that the topic of demolition delay was continued from the May 2017. The Commission is seeking input from D DePaola who had questions related to what action the owner is to take during the demolition delay process.

D DePaola commented on Section 8-Issuance of Permit of the Demolition Delay Ordinance Draft in which it is suggested that during the demolition delay period the owner of significant buildings shall *pursue* and give due consideration to all possible alternatives to demolition. D DePaola questioned what the term "pursue" means to the homeowner.

M. Kennedy suggested in place of *pursue*, to insert, "shall give due consideration."

L Gray suggested the creation of a resource book so that when the homeowner reaches a point where they wish to conduct major renovations or to demolish a house, a resource manual could be made available in which a directory of architects and builders who work with historic properties are listed. L Gray suggested a page on the Town's website on which to post demolition news.

D DePaola suggested an ad hoc committee to work with homeowners of historic properties to discuss alternatives to demolition. D DePaola suggested that resource materials be made available for anybody who would like to pursue alternatives.

W Childress suggested that informational resource materials containing alternatives to demolition be presented to the applicant at the time of application for a demolition permit. Thereafter, in the event that an objection to demolition is filed, it would be up to the objector in each case to organize a response to the application. It was decided that W. Childress would have a conversation with First Selectman, Carl Fortuna concerning the ordinance, on behalf of the Historic District Commission.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Stella Beaudoin
Recording Secretary