

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK **Historic District Commission**

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

Mary Kennedy Laura Gray

Alternate Members
Eugene Creighton
Richard Peters
Barbara Harms

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MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, E. Creighton, R. Peters, B.

Harms

Absent: L. Gray

Staff: T. Makowicki

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **Minutes**

MOTION to approve the June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented; MADE by **D**. **Aldi-DePaola**; SECONDED by **W**. **Childress**; VOTING IN FAVOR: **W**. **Childress**, **D**. **Aldi DePaola**, **J**. Furman, **M**. Kennedy, **E**. Creighton; OPPOSED by none; ABSTAINED by none; APPROVED: 5-0-0.

B. Correspondence

The Commission acknowledged a memorandum from the Chairman to the Town Clerk notifying her of the schedule of meetings for 2019. The Commission received various newsletters related to historic preservation.

C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports

Mr. Childress recounted the process and eventual presentation of the Historical Society's annual Historic Preservation Award to Barbara Maynard and an elm tree to be planted as a token of her significant contributions to historic preservation in Old Saybrook.

The Building Official reported the issuance of Requests for Exemption for 138 North Cove Road for repairs. Mr. Makowicki heard questions from the Commission regarding fencing at 88 North Cove Road; he will contact send the owners an exemption form.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Awareness-building Initiative – Historic Interpretive Displays

ACTION: Review proposal for informational signage.

Ms. Aldi DePaola reported that the Town installed the final sign designs in July. She proposed to the Commission that it sponsor the design, manufacture and installation of additional historic interpretive sign panels to support the Historical Society's efforts in its commemoration of Saybrook Point as a historic battlefield.

MOTION to <u>authorize the expenditure of no more than \$2,000</u> towards **historic interpretive displays** subject to final review and approval of the text by the Commission; MADE by **E. Creighton**; SECONDED by **M. Kennedy**; VOTING IN FAVOR: **W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, E. Creighton**; OPPOSED by none; ABSTAINED by none; APPROVED: 5-0-0.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Election of Officers

The Commission chose not hold elections for the new calendar year; the officers remain as previously elected.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to <u>adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.</u> until next meeting on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 302 Main Street**; MADE by **E. Creighton**; SECONDED by **M. Kennedy**; VOTING IN FAVOR: **W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, E. Creighton**; OPPOSED by none; ABSTAINED by none; APPROVED: 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan A. Furman Secretary