



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Historic District Commission**

*William Childress, Chairman  
Diane Aldi DePaola, Vice Chair  
Jan Furman, Secretary  
Mary Kennedy  
Barbara Harms*

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**Alternate Members**  
*Eugene Creighton  
Richard Peters  
Alan Cantor*

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**  
via teleconference

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present: W. Childress, M. Kennedy, J. Furman, B. Harms, D. Aldi DePaola, E. Creighton and A. Cantor.

Also Jeffrey Meotti, Applicant and A. Merritt, HDC Recording Clerk

Absent: R. Peters

No member of the public joined the call.

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes**

**MOTION** to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes made by J. Furman; Seconded by: B. Harms; In Favor: W. Childress, B. Harms, J. Furman, E. Creighton; Opposed: None; Abstained: D. Aldi DePaola; **APPROVED:** 4-0-1.

B. **Correspondence** – None

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

C. Nelson updated the Commission on behind the scenes, historic resources inventory taking place.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS** - None.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features**—Pergola & Front/Side Stairs  
103 North Cove Road (Map 32/Lot 2-1)  
Applicant: Jeffrey & Mary Meotti, owners

Applicant presented plans for exterior improvements including white pergola with columns, pointing work and adding stone steps by front door and side door. W. Childress noted for the record that the home is not a "contributing structure" listed in the materials creating the District. Commission members inquired about materials to be used, colors, viewed applicant's photos and the manufacturer's (Intex Millwork) website for visuals.

**MOTION** to approve the applicant's exterior feature changes: Made by J. Furman; Seconded by B. Harms; In Favor: W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, B. Harms, M. Kennedy, Opposed by None. Abstained: None **APPROVED**: 5-0-0.

- B. **Preservation Initiative—Historic Signs Restoration**

B. Harms presented the opportunity to preserve the deteriorating ghost sign at Sheffield and Main Street, brick (1834 or 1853?) It is considered an element of the town's history and a piece of artwork. Esty sisters contributed historical information. Referencing the ghost sign article provided in the January packet, including techniques to protect and maintain the vintage appearance. Looking to get an estimate for the work (contacted Jon Canning), discuss budget and then potentially pursue as a project. Gene inquired about signs for the Pequot Trail area, the walking tour, welcome sign. These were confirmed as completed at this time. C. Nelson suggested a formal assessment, offered to project manage. The Commission members agreed and are in support of looking into what is involved.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting of **Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., via teleconference** (Dial-in Number: **1-646-307-1479**, Attendee Passcode: **386779**) **made by: G. Creighton; Seconded** by D. Aldi DePaola, **In Favor**: W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, B. Harms, E. Creighton, M. Kennedy, **Opposed** by none; **Abstained** by none; **APPROVED**: 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Merritt, Recording Clerk