



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Historic District Commission

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

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Alternate Members
*Eugene Creighton
Richard Peters
Alan Cantor*

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**
Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97886358510>
Teleconference: +1 929 436 2866 Meeting ID: 978 8635 8510

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

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: R. Peters

Also T. Makowicki, Peter and Faye Bisson, Applicants, Denise VonDassel, Agent, and A. Merritt, Recording Clerk.

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes**

MOTION to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes by: B. Harms; **Seconded** by: D. Aldi DePaola; **In Favor:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, B. Harms; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

B. **Correspondence**

MOTION to approve Invoice #2025-01 from John Canning Company for \$2800.00 to be paid from 'Other Projects' funds for the restoration of the painted sign on the brick building at Sheffield and Main Street was made by: B. Harms; **Seconded** by: D. Aldi DePaola; **In Favor:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, B. Harms; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

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

i. **Assurance of Compliance** - W. Childress asked members for comments regarding language sent to members to be included in the application.

MOTION to add Assurance of Compliance language to COA was made by: B. Harms; **Seconded** by: D. Aldi DePaola; **In Favor**: W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, B. Harms; **Opposed**: None. **Abstained**: None.
APPROVED: 5-0-0.

- ii. **Expiration of Certificate** - Discussion regarding purpose of expiration date and typical timeframes. B. Harms spoke of reasons expiration is necessary and transfer of COA to new owners. Jan suggested that short timelines could prevent use of best possible materials due to evolving and improving options over time. T. Makowicki contributed potential for issues between building permit timeline and HDC approvals. D. Aldi DePaola suggested 3-5 year expiration. E. Creighton expressed concern that under 3 years too short, due to time-to-market of improved materials. D. Aldi DePaola mentioned other boards using shorter timelines. A. Cantor mentioned the potential for an owner to discover a better materials to use in the course of the project. W. Childress tabled the conversation until next meeting to allow for review with the Commission's counsel regarding 3-5 year with option to extend. None opposed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

B. Preservation Initiative—Historic Signs Restoration *(see Correspondence)*

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features/John Bushnell House

Garage doors and window installation; Breezeway expansion, enclosure and roofline change; Sunporch renovation for interior use; Existing windows replacement; Add windows on 2nd floor.

141 North Cove Rd. (Map 32 / Lot 4)

Applicant: Peter and Faye Bisson

W. Childress opened the public hearing.

Agent D. VonDassel - Provided the history of the home starting 1744 or 1790, including lineage of ownership, 1915 fire destruction, replica built and restorations made over the years through multiple owners. Photos of each area for proposed change and elevations of the changes were presented to the Commission. Discussion of garage; carriage doors or single overhead doors with the option to select at a later date. Breezeway; visuals show open front, wall on other side and roofline. Elevation of breezeway change illustrates enclosure, window installations, siding change to clapboard and size adjustment, with no roofline change from street view. Sun porch; elevations show before and after, illustrating clapboard siding enclosing the porch with no change of roofline from street view, cedar shingles. Replacing all wood shutters to a single composite matching current style of shutters, along with matching hardware. Photos of second floor windows showing locations & style of current windows and locations for new second floor windows where there are currently no windows. Style of new windows to match the current first floor window

style. Commission members appreciated the owner's efforts to return the house to a unified traditional style.

Upon calling for additional comment from the public or any others in attendance, hearing no response, W. Childress closed the public hearing.

MOTION to approve the applicant's exterior feature changes including garage doors (with option of carriage or overhead), breezeway, sunporch, and windows, was made by J. Furman; **Seconded** by M. Kennedy; **In Favor:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, B. Harms; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting until the next Regular Meeting of **Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.,** was made by D. Aldi DePaola; **Seconded** by B. Harms; **In Favor:** W. Childress, D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman, M. Kennedy, B. Harms; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Merritt, Recording Clerk