



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
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/92663979727?pwd=YsS1REpQa2pRKzg3M0R5eXhZWm9lZz09>

Teleconference: +1 929 436 2866 Meeting ID: 978 8635 8510

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I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present: W. Childress, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, E. Creighton (seated for D. Aldi DePaola), A. Cantor (seated for J. Furman), and R. Peters.

Absent: D. Aldi DePaola, J. Furman

Also Kathleen & Paul Connolly, Applicants, and A. Merritt, Recording Clerk.

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes**

MOTION to approve the June 23, 2020 minutes by B. Harms; **Seconded** by M. Kennedy; **In Favor:** W. Childress, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, A. Cantor, E. Creighton; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

B. **Correspondence** - None

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

- i. **Expiration of Certificate** - After Town Counsel review, M. Cronin suggested timeframe of three years, with option of a one year extension. The Commission discussed reasoning and implications of timeframe options. Member of the public, K. Connolly, expressed concerns around economics causing delays and the need for additional time. W. Childress offered the comparison of zoning permits. K. Connolly disputed that zoning is not comparable to historic exterior features based on the differing variety of categories compared to the Historic District. She added that even five years plus one year extension could be more appropriate.

MOTION to approve the language of a potential new regulation to provide a time frame of 3 years (plus the possibility of additional year) for expiration of certificates of appropriateness, to be scheduled for public hearing. was made by E. Creighton; **Seconded** by A. Cantor; **In Favor:** W. Childress, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, A. Cantor, E. Creighton; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

MOTION to schedule a public hearing at the September Regular Meeting for the potential adoption of a regulation to provide an Expiration of Certificate was made by E. Creighton; **Seconded** by M. Kennedy; **In Favor:** W. Childress, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, A. Cantor, E. Creighton; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Preservation Initiative—Historic Signs Restoration

- i. Assessment has been completed with quotes for three treatments as follows. (1) Preserve as is/\$20-25k. (2) Preserve and replicate some of the lost elements \$30-40k (3) Replicate entire sign with ads \$40-50k. Bill, Diane and Barbara had met and they agreed to propose option 2. C. Nelson created an entry for this initiative on a fund raising site which matches up to \$15k. E. Creighton suggested getting additional vendor estimates for the work. B. Harms explained the reasons for staying with the one vendor recommended to the Commission. W. Childress mentioned the building owner's enthusiasm for the project, next step is to set up the crowd funding along with C. Nelson with a list of possible donors, the potential for \$10k contribution from town, and \$2k from HDC funds.

MOTION to proceed with Ghost Sign Preservation Initiative without seeking additional quotations was made by B. Harms; **Seconded** by A. Cantor; **In Favor:** W. Childress, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, A. Cantor; **Opposed:** E. Creighton. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 4-1-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features

Construct a freestanding, 12 x 20 one car garage, roof, trim, windows, garage door to match existing house.

60 North Cove Road (Map 32/Lot 16)

Applicant: Kathleen & Paul Connolly, owners

W. Childress opened the public hearing. No members of the public present.

Via screen sharing, Applicant K. Connolly provided a bullet-point comparison of the four changes from the approved October 2019 shed project to 2020 shed features of (1) footprint size reduction 384 sq ft to 240 sq ft, (2) potential 3' location change to avoid tree removal, (3) siding change from wood shingle to pine tongue and groove, (4) window shape change from round to square. The Applicant provided elevation visuals of the design and location relative to the house. W. Childress highlighted the fact that this home is not a contributing structure within the district.

Upon calling for questions and additional comments 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, to construct a freestanding, 12 x 20 one car garage, roof, trim, windows, garage door to match existing house was made by B. Harms; **Seconded** by M. Kennedy; **In Favor:** W. Childress, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, A. Cantor, E. Creighton; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting until the next Regular Meeting of **Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, was made by M. Kennedy; **Seconded** by B. Harms; **In Favor:** W. Childress, M. Kennedy, B. Harms, A. Cantor, E. Creighton; **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Merritt, Recording Clerk