

Historic District Commission
March 14, 2016
Town Hall – Room #1
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ellen Sharon, Linda Akerman, and Stanley Stefanowicz; Board of Selectmen Liaison: John Jones; Art Shiloksy, First Selectman; Staff: Randy Benson, Planning Director; Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT – Robert Kvederas, Nancy Anderson and Alternate: Janice Adams

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Sharon asked that an Item A “Eagle Scout Proposed Project on the Town Green” and an Item B “Preliminary Comments for Jack Faski’s Property on Hayward Avenue” be added under New Business.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Regular Meeting December 14, 2015

Motion by: L. Ackerman
to waive the reading of the minutes.

Second by: S. Stefanowicz
Vote: Unanimous by those present

Motion by: L. Ackerman
to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015 as presented.

Second by: S. Stefanowicz
Vote: Unanimous by those present

4. **FIVE MINUTE SESSION FOR PUBLIC** – No one spoke

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

6. **New Applications**- None

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **“School for Colored Children” – Building replacement and 3rd Grade Walk –
For discussion and possible motion**

Chairman Sharon said that Carefree Sheds has offered to remove and replace the existing building. The Town Public Works Department will do the site work. Arthur Liverant and his family has offer to construct a new building.

Arthur Liverant, Colchester resident, gave a brief history of the “School for Colored Children” and presented pictures of an existing school in Hebron. He said that the building would be about 26’ wide and 18’ deep. The materials used would be clapboard, wood for the roof and stone, brick or granite for the foundation. He feels it would be a true replica of the original school. He would like to include desks and long benches and a simple chalkboard in the interior. This would be a gift to the Town from the Liverant family. Discussion followed regarding the construction of the building and the proper procedures to follow as far as obtaining the necessary permits. The Commission expressed their appreciation to Mr. Liverant. Chairman Sharon said that a thank you letter to Carefree Sheds should be written expressing gratitude for their offer.

Chairman Sharon said that she has not received the finalized schedule for the 3rd Grade Walk, but it is scheduled for the latter part of May and the first part of June. Once the dates are received, a schedule of volunteers will be needed. She said the members of the Historical Society have also volunteered to help.

Motion by: E. Sharon
to move forward on the feasibility of the construction of the School for the Colored Children as a gift from the Liverant family.

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Seconded by: L. Akerman
Vote: Unanimous by those present

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eagle Scout Proposed Project on Town Green

Chairman Sharon said she was surprised to read about the proposed wall to be constructed around the statute on the Town Green as an Eagle Scout project.

R. Benson told the Commission that he met with the Eagle Scout today and he will be submitting an application for the next meeting to discuss this project.

B. Preliminary Comments for Jack Faski Property on Hayward Avenue

R. Benson told the Commission that Jack Faski has submitted pictures of the back walkway and the walkway in the front of the Hayward House on Hayward Avenue which are deteriorating and need to be replaced. He would like to use stamped concrete for the replacement of these walks. Discussion followed and the Commission said that stamped concrete could not be used and suggested that cobblestone, granite or natural products be used.

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: E. Sharon
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: S. Stefanowicz

Vote: Unanimous by those present

Chairman Sharon adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail N. Therian, Clerk