

Historic District Commission
October 17, 2016
Town Hall – Room #1
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ellen Sharon, Robert Kvederas Nancy Anderson, and Stanley Stefanowicz;
Alternate: Janice Adams; Board of Selectmen Liaison: John Jones; Staff: Randy Benson, Planning Director; Daphne Schaub, Asst. Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT – Linda Akerman

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** –

J. Adams asked that she address the Commission regarding some historical photographers she has that she would like some guidance on for their disposition. Chairman Sharon added the item to the agenda under Item 8 – “New Business – Item D – Discussion regarding Old Photographs”.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Regular Meeting April 11, 2016

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016 as presented.

Second by: S. Stefanowicz

Vote: Unanimous by those present

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

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** –

- A. **HDC#16-003, 100 South Main Street, Town of Colchester applicant/owner** for property at Assessors Map #16-00, Lot # 072-000. An Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the current Carefree building with a new building that will closely replicate the original “School for Colored Children” schoolhouse.

Arthur Liverant, Colchester resident, gave a brief history of the “School for Colored Children” and presented pictures of an existing school in Hebron and a picture from an 1836 book written by John Warner Baber that contained a picture of the center of Town with the location of the “School for Colored Children.” This replacement of the School will be a gift from the Liverant family. He distributed copies of the materials list to all members and explained in detail the design and the materials to be used for this building. Discussion followed regarding the window sizes, the materials for the foundation, and handicap access.

Motion by: R. Kvederas S. Stefanowicz
to close the Public Hearing

Second by: N. Anderson

Vote: Unanimous by those present

6. **NEW APPLICATIONS**

- A. **HDC#16-003, 100 South Main Street, Town of Colchester applicant/owner** for property at Assessors Map #16-00, Lot # 072-000. An Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the current Carefree building with a new building that will closely replicate the original “School for Colored Children” schoolhouse.

A short discussion was held regarding the merits of this project.

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for application HDC#16-003.

Second by: N. Anderson

Vote: Unanimous by those present

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7. OLD BUSINESS –

A. Schedule temporary storing of contents of the School for Colored Children

Chairman Sharon asked for the Commission's help in cleaning out the contents of the School for Colored Children. She will ask the Public Works Director if large items such as the desks can be stored at the Town Garage. Small items will be taken to various locations. Several of the Commission members volunteered to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19th to accomplish this work.

B. Election of Officers for 2017

Chairman Sharon asked for any nominations or volunteers for the slate of officers for 2017. It was decided that the current officers would remain in office for 2017. The officers are: Ellen Sharon, Chairman; Nancy Anderson, Vice Chairman and Robert Kvederas as Secretary.

Motion by R. Kvederas
to close the nominations of Officers for 2017

Second by: S. Stefanowicz

Vote: Unanimous by those present

Motion by R. Kvederas
to accept the current slate of Officers for the year 2017.

Second by; S. Stefanowicz

Vote: Unanimous by those present

C. Approval of Meeting Dates for 2017

Motion by: N. Anderson
to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule as submitted.

Second by: R. Kvederas

Vote: Unanimous by those present

D. Discussion regarding old photographs

J. Adams told the Commission that she has in her possession a box of historical pictures that she would like a consensus of what to do with them. The Commission decided that J. Adams will review the pictures and put appropriate pictures in an album. The Commission will then review the album and the remaining pictures for final disposition.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: S. Stefanowicz
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: R. Kvederas

Vote: Unanimous by those present

Chairman Sharon adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail N. Therian, Clerk