

Historic District Commission  
February 13, 2017  
Town Hall – Room #2  
127 Norwich Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Ellen Sharon, Nancy Anderson and Linda Akerman; Alternate: Janice Adams; Board of Selectmen Liaison: John Jones; Staff: Daphne Schaub, Asst. Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Gail Therian, Clerk;

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Robert Kvederas and Stanley Stefanowicz

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** –

Chairman Sharon added the item to the agenda under Item 8 – “New Business – Item B – Chevrolet Property on South Main Street”.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Regular Meeting October 17, 2016

**Motion by:** N. Anderson  
to approve the minutes of October 17, 2016 as presented.  
**Second by:** L. Akerman  
**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** – None

8. **NEW BUSINESS** -

A. **Schoolhouse for Colored Children: Grand Opening thoughts, tie-in with Colchester Historical Society, Furnishing the space – For discussion and possible action.**

Chairman Sharon updated the Commission on the progress of the work at the Schoolhouse for Colored Children. Discussion was held regarding the grand opening. Chairman Sharon said that a grand re-opening would be in order and also would be a chance to recognize the generosity of the Liverant family. J. Adams reviewed some of the history of the School and said that there is still so much more history to be found about this School. It was suggested that there be some type of celebration such as a re-dedication with the posting of the “Freedom Trail” plaque on the building during the month of February, Black History month. A more formal grand opening could be held sometime in the spring. A discussion was held regarding the furniture to be used inside the building, including the benches, pot belly stove and chalk board. The Commission will invite the Colchester Historical Society to their next meeting to collaborate on the opening of the School.

B. **Chevrolet Property on South Main Street**

N. Anderson said that the Chevrolet property is in need of paint and asked about the progress being made on the use of the property. D. Schaub, Asst. Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer said that the Town is aware of the situation and she and the Town Planner have met with the property owner and others about the development of this property. Discussion followed.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None

10. **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT** – None

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11. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by:** N. Anderson  
to adjourn this meeting at 7:36 p.m.

**Second by:** L. Akerman