

Historic District Commission
May 8, 2017
Town Hall – Room #1
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ellen Sharon, and Linda Akerman; Alternate: Janice Adams; Staff: Daphne Schaub, Asst. Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT – Nancy Anderson, Stanley Stefanowicz, and Robert Kvederas; Board of Selectmen Liaison: John Jones;

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** –

J. Adams asked that under Item * - "New Business" and Item C be added: "Painting of the Historic District Sign Posts".

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Regular Meeting April 17, 2017

Motion by: L. Shoemaker
to waive the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting as presented.

Second by: J. Adams

Vote: Unanimous by those present

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

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** –

- A. **HDC#17-001, 32 Norwich Avenue, Elisa Ferraro applicant/ Dante Laterra owner** for property at Assessors Map #16-00, Lot # 065-000. An Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to move existing approved sign from 24 Norwich Avenue to 32 Norwich Avenue. (Public Hearing opened on 4/17/17; continued to 5/8/17 ;)

Chairman Sharon said this Public Hearing was opened at the April 17, 2017 meeting and continued to the May 8, 2017 meeting.

Mitch Farnham, one of the owners of Cone Heads Ice Cream, said that the ice cream shop is moving from 24 Norwich Avenue to 32 Norwich Avenue. He would like to hang the original sign that was approved at 24 Norwich Avenue at his new location. He explained where the sign would be located on the front porch. He said that in the future he may return to add an additional sign on the side of the building.

Discussion followed and the Commission members agreed that this was just the moving of an already approved sign from one site to another.

Motion by: L. Shoemaker
to close the Public Hearing on HDC #17-001.

Second by: J. Adams

Vote: Unanimous by those present

6. **NEW APPLICATIONS - None**

7. **OLD BUSINESS** –

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The Public Hearing was closed at this meeting.

Motion by: E. Sharon
to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to move the existing sign from 24 Norwich Avenue to 32 Norwich Avenue.
Second by: J. Adams
Vote: Unanimous by those present

8. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Update on School for Colored Children and Colchester Historical Society

Angela George, Co-president of the Colchester Historical Society, updated the Commission on the CT Humanities Grant the Society has applied for and are waiting to hear about in early June. She explained that if the Grant money is received the Historical Society plans on researching the African American story and the history of the School for Colored Children. The hope is to have an exhibit room in the Historical museum in Town about the School.

Chairman Sharon updated the Commission members on the progress of the School and said it should be ready for the 3rd Grade tours beginning Monday, May 22, 2017. Discussion was held about a "soft" opening and the grand opening of the School.

B. 3rd Grade Tours Scheduling

Chairman Sharon told the Commission members the dates and times needed to be filled for the 3rd grade tours. She will contact the remaining members to fill the spots not filled at this meeting.

C. Painting of the Historic District Sign Posts.

J. Adams asked if the Historic District sign posts could be painted as they are beginning to need a fresh coat of paint. Staff will work with J. Paggioli, Public Works Director to get these posts painted.

D. Schaub asked the Commission on two proposed projects in the Historic District. The first is an Eagle Scout project to replace existing picnic tables and the Colchester Co-op Nursery School. The second was for an enlargement of a deck at the Hayward House at 35 Hayward Avenue. The Commission agreed that both these projects could move forward as they are not visible from a public way and are not a permanent structures.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: L. Akerman
to adjourn this meeting at 7:44 p.m.
Second by: J. Adams