

Historic District Commission  
August 14, 2017  
Town Hall – Room #1  
127 Norwich Avenue

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Stanley Stefanowicz, Linda Akerman and Robert Kvederas;

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. J. Adams was seated as a voting member.

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None**

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Regular Meeting May 8, 2017**

This item will be on the next Agenda as there was not enough members present who attended the May 8, 2017 meeting to vote on the acceptance of the Minutes.

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

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**6. NEW APPLICATIONS - None**

**7. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**8. NEW BUSINESS -**

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**A. Preliminary Discussion on material for planned replacement of third story fascia board at Old Bacon Academy**

Arthur Liverant, Bacon Academy Board of Trustees, introduced Marilyn Akerman, Architect, Tom DesSurralt, member of the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees and Restoration Committee and Bill Kress, Restoration carpenter. He said that the Board of Trustees have started the two (2) million dollar restoration project of the old Bacon Academy. He said so far there has been work done on the roof, repairing of the leaks and the chimneys restored... The next project is to repair the soffit.

M. Akerman, architect, showed pictures of the existing soffit and the damage that needs repairing. She suggested using a PVC product because of the durability of this product compared to wood. She explained that the product would not be visible because the gutter and the crown molding would be in front of this PVC board. She showed several samples of the product.

A. Liverant explained the cost savings of using the PVC product. He said that he was now aware that this project will need an application and go through the Public Hearing process.

B. Kress, showed pictures of projects he has done using this Azac PVC product. He also showed a sample of the product. He explained the difference of using this product compared to the mahogany wood which would need to be used, if the PVC product was not used.

E. Sharon explained the time line for the submittal of the application. She said that the application will need to be submitted by noon on August 28<sup>th</sup> to be heard at the Monday, September 11, 2017 meeting.

**B. Discussion of planned event to formally present the School for Colored Children to the Town**

Chairman Sharon said that she and J. Adams attended a Historical Society meeting for the planning of for the presentation of the School for Colored Children to the Town of Colchester from the Liverant family. The event will be held on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The event will begin at the Federated Church where Rev.

Morgan will speak. The Firehouse will host the event and there will be a formal ribbon cutting at the School. J. Adams is working on a hand out for the event and fixing several of the posters.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Sharon distributed keys for the School for Colored Children to members and D. Shaub. J. Jones suggested that the Fire Department have a key in case of emergency.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by:** N. Anderson  
to adjourn this meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**Second by:** J. Adams