

Historic District Commission  
November 19, 2018, 7p.m.  
127 Norwich Avenue  
Colchester Ct 06415

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Ellen Sharon, Linda Akerman, and Janice Adams, Staff: Daphne Schaub, Asst. Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Board of Selectmen Liaison: Jim Ford & Kamey Cavanaugh, Clerk.

*Ellen Sharon*  
ELLEN SHARON  
TOWN CLERK

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Stanley Stefanowicz, Robert Kvederas Nancy Anderson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.  
Janice Adams was a seated member for this meeting.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Regular Meeting August 9, 2018 and September 17, 2018 –  
*Motions to approve the minutes of August 9, 2018 and September 17, 2018 was tabled to the next regular scheduled meeting.*

4. **FIVE MINUTE SESSION FOR PUBLIC** – None

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

6. **NEW APPLICATIONS** - None

7. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

8. **NEW BUSINESS** -

**A. Town Green: Multi Stakeholder Discussion** –

Chair Sharon started the discussion by stating that all are in agreement with one of the special things about Colchester is the Town Green that features many events. The discussion was in regards to most of the events that take place on the Green involve vehicles and sometimes heavy equipment and the concern is the Green is not designed for this activity and compacting is happening as a result. Chair Sharon opened up the floor for discussion and ideas on how to balance using the Green extensively while protecting the Green for future generations.

Arthur Liverant, Bacon Academy Board of Trustees, partial owner of the Town Green, stated he would like to see the activity continue on the Green, however did express concern with the condition. A discussion was had with the Board of Trustees and suggested having the main cinder path reinforced with stone dust, made wider, or perhaps create an in route and an out route for traffic. With the State of Connecticut owning 3 sides of the green and not permitting a curb cut the only option would be to have this off of Hayward Avenue.

Dennis Serra, President of Good Times Motor Club, agreed with Mr. Liverant and gave a brief description on what the Good Times Motor Club has contributed over the years to help maintain the Green, and feels having that in/out entrance would be beneficial.

Catherine Kosiba, spoke of research she has done with neighboring towns and a discussion she had with a Professor at UCONN in the Landscape Architect area regarding what kinds of professionals were appropriate in order to evaluate the condition of the Green and come up with a course of action. A landscape architect, turf expert and an arborist would be helpful to assist with a plan of action. Ms. Kosiba suggested creating a committee to put together a plan.

James Paggioli, Public Works Director, stated much of the Town Green does not require extensive maintenance. Concerns on the Green are addressed as they happen such as tree maintenance and seeding. A formal improvement plan is currently not in place. To add another pathway would be easy enough to create with stone dust.

Art Shilosky, First Selectman, reported on a recent meeting that took place on the green that discussed concerns of its current condition and indicated the concerns will be addressed. Mr. Shilosky feels adding a stone dust path is an option that can be met. The Town will continue to maintain the Green and keep the area as a place the Town can enjoy.

Chuck Savinski, resident tax payer, stated concern with erosion around the Civil War monument. Mr. Shilosky advised they have visited the site and are aware of the concerns.

Steve Quinn, asked for clarification if a committee is created who they would propose there outcome to. Mr. Shilosky clarified if work done on the Town Green requires a building permit than an application would also need Historical District Commission approval. The town is very much in favor with working together with the Historical District Commission through the process.

Emily Hine, asked for clarification on ownership of the Veterans Green, as they are interest in placing a memorial pathway for the five branches of the Military. In the past were told 'absolutely not', and it would not be permitted. Chair Sharon advised Ms. Hine to bring that idea to the Historical District Commission in the manner of an application for further discussion.

Mary Bylone, 165 Shagbush Drive, suggested having the ongoing maintenance investigated further to see what can be done as a permanent fix of the issues and concerns of the green.

Chair Sharon thanked everyone for their time for discussion and asked anyone that would be interested in being on an advisory committee for Town Green Improvements to leave their name, address and telephone numbers to be contacted at a future date.

**B. Bacon Academy Board of Trustees Preliminary Discussion Regarding Installation of New Security Camera**

Arthur Liverant provided the members of the commission with a pamphlet showing a proposed security camera that would be placed outside the front door of the school. Chair Sharon advised Mr. Liverant if the camera is not visible from the sidewalk there is no requirement of a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historical District Commission.

**C. Acceptance of 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule**

*Ellen Sharon made a motion to accept the meeting schedule for 2019 Regular Meetings. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Ackerman.*

*The motion passes unanimously.*

**D. Election of 2019 Officers**

*Ellen Sharon made a motion for the following appointment of 2019 Officers.*

*Ellen Sharon as Chair*

*Linda Ackerman for Vice Chair*

*Robert Kvederas for Secretary*

*Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice Adams.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**9. COMMUNICATIONS –**

**A. Letter from Garden Club**

A letter received from the Garden Club, addressed to the Colchester Veterans of Foreign War, The Colchester American Legion, The Colchester Antique Veterans, and the Historic District Commission was copied. The letter from the Garden Club is proposing planting of Spring Bulbs in red, white and blue around the Vietnam Memorial. If this is accepted, it would possibly expand to other monuments.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*E. Sharon made a motion to adjourn the November 19, 2018 Historic District Commission meeting at 8:00p.m. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Ackerman.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted  
Kamey Cavanaugh, Recording Secretary