**MIDDLE HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, January 28, 2016

6:30 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to order:** Presiding as Chairman, Commissioner Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
2. **Roll Call / Seating of Alternates:** Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Charles Roberts, Demian Battit, Patrick Walsh and Alternate Regina Starolis. (Commissioner Walsh left the meeting after the public hearing).
3. **Public Remarks** – Items not on Agenda - None
4. **Public Hearing**
	1. **Application #501** for COA at 26 Shipyard Road to construct a pole barn covering the parking area for applicant George and Alannah Coshow:

Mr. Coshow provided the Commissioners with site plans of the proposed project and explained that they would like to replace the sagging stone wall with a pole barn that will cover the parking area. The parking area will be larger, close to the road and even with the existing stone wall. He stated that the pole barn will have 8’ 6x6 posts with asphalt and cedar shingles to match the rest of the home. Mr. Coshow explained that he will try to use recycled posts but if that is not possible he will use pressure treated posts and stain them. Commissioner Battit made a motion to accept Application #501 for a COA at 26 Shipyard Road to construct a pole barn covering the parking area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starolis. Vote: 3- Yes; 1- Abstain (Chairman Roberts); 0-No **Motion passed.**

1. **Approval of minutes & motions**
	1. **October 29, 2015** – Commissioner Battit recommended the following corrections: Item #2 “Roll Call”, Identify the Alternates (Christopher Dart and Regina Starolis). Item # 4a “Public Hearings” to omit the sentence in parenthesis “which are similar to plywood”. Commissioner Battit made a motion to accept the October 29, 2015 minutes with recommended corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starolis. **Vote: 3-Yes; 0-No Motion passed.**
2. **Correspondence-** Chairman Roberts stated that he received a letter from the Town Manager dated 1/20/16. The letter confirmed the reappointment of Regina Starolis to the Middle Haddam Historic District Commission. Chairman Roberts stated that the reappointment status was incorrect so he is waiting for an amended letter.
3. **Reports**
4. **Expenditures** – Chairman Roberts identified legal notices as an expenditure item.
5. **Other** - None
6. **New Business**
7. **Other** – Chairman Roberts recommended election of offices at the next MHHDC

 meeting as well as setting up a meeting with the Colchester Historical District

 Commission to discuss ways to inform the public of procedures and guidelines

 of the Commission**.**

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **Other** - None
3. **Public Remarks** - None
4. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Battit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Starolis. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Castonguay

Recording Secretary