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NORTH COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Public Hearing, 17 June 1991

Re: The application of John and Trudy Horan for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the renovation of their residence at 118 North Cove Road, Old Saybrook.

Members present: S. Wardlaw, Chair, C. Ficker, J. Schneider, R. Tietjen, and H. David (Alternate).

Members of the public present: J. and S. Cole, K. and P. Dubuc, B. and J. Price, and A. Waugh

The hearing was opened at 7:36 P.M. Having given a summary of the preliminary informal discussions with the Horans and the Commission's visit to the site on the 23rd of April, and having shown the previous plan to indicate differences between it and the one submitted for tonight's hearing, the Chair invited public comment and potential objections to the letter. Various comments were duly noted, chiefly dealing with the earlier version of the dormers over the main part of the house and with the widow's walk and balcony at the other end. (All of these matters were addressed in the executive session which followed.) There were no comments from the public on the center section of the house.

The public hearing, as moved by the Chair, seconded by Schneider, and as unanimously voted, was closed at 8:05 P.M.

The Commission then went into executive session in order to consider the plans as presented. After some discussion of the various features of the revised plan in relation to the district's architectural characteristics, with due regard to the comments of the public, it was unanimously agreed

that the so-called "widow's walk" was not appropriate to the general style and historical aspects of the district and would be disallowed;

that the picture windows in the center of the house must either be changed to match those of the original plan discussed informally on April 16th or, if left as proposed, be provided with muntons consistent in size with those indicated for the adjacent windows in the elevation shown in the revised plan;

and that the balustrade over those windows might be "reconsidered," at the discretion of the Horans in view of the foregoing.

These conditions and recommendations were moved by the Chair and seconded by Schneider and unanimously voted. The Chair will inform the Horans of this decision by letter.