



NORTH COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 1998

The annual fall meeting of the NCHDC was called to order at 7:15PM in the DiBella barn at 91 North Cove Road. The minutes were accepted as read. A new neighbor, Mary Meioti introduced herself and questioned what the purpose of the commission was and the role it played in the neighborhood. A discussion followed.

Nominations were entertained from the floor to replace Barbara Lincoln, whose term expires December '98. The two nominees were Alec Goudie and John Aldi. The membership elected Alec Goudie to serve as a regular member until December 2003. The below listed commission members were then elected to the following offices:

- CHAIRMAN- DAVID GRAY
- VICE CHAIR- HENRI DAVID
- CLERK- DONNA D. DIBELLA

The by-laws of the Historic District were reapproved and made a part of the minutes of the annual meeting.

Louise Tietjen, Frances Goudie, Ruth Hildrith, Donna DiBella and Kathy Dubuc agreed to meet and discuss how we could better our neighborhood by reaching out to our membership through educational programs, preservation updates, etc. Carol Maxwell and Frances Goudie agreed to co-chair the Welcome Committee and visit new neighbors on behalf of the district and explain our role in the community.

David Gray gave a report of his meeting with Susan Townsley and Henri David. The town seems unclear what their role is as it relates to our commission. A follow up to this meeting was one held at town hall with Donna D. DiBella, David Gray, Jack Shannahan (State Historic Preservation Officer) Sarah Becker (town clerk) and William Peace (Selectman). It was determined that the town of Old Saybrook has not complied with state statute. Our commission needs to better educate town officials. Section 7-

147d (b) was read stating the need for a COA before the municipality issues any permit. Donna DiBella shared the information on the study the State Historical Society undertook several years ago placing North Cove Road on the Register of Historic Landmarks. Plaques are available from the State Historical Society for those historic homes noted in the study. They cost \$15.00.

Chairman Gray reported that Alec Gaudie filed an application for COA for the split rail fence erected on his property line. It was determined that the fence was part of the overall screening in the Gaudie application and approved under article six section 7.

Harold Elrod offered to assist anyone interested in researching information on local homes. He and other local Historians have held lectures on the Black Horse Tavern, and the Phillips home for example and would be willing to direct residents looking for information. Perhaps something we could consider as a future program. David Gray thanked Donna DiBella for the use of her barn and the general membership felt it was more congenial than meeting in the school. The April 1999 meeting was scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> and October 1999 was set for the 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully,

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