



NORTH COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
ANNUAL FALL MEETING/ PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 17, 2000

The North Cove Historic District Commission held its Annual Fall Meeting/ Public Hearing on October 17, 2000 at 7:10pm in the Stevenson Archive Bldg. At 350 Main Street. Commissioners present were: Janet Foisie Chairman, Henri David Vice- Chair, Donna D. DiBella Clerk, Carol Maxwell, Kathy Dubuc and alternate: David Grey. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed out and accepted. The Clerk read the legal notice.

The first order of business was to elect new members to the Commission. Donna D. DiBella read a letter from Randy Bradbury of 192 North Cove Road expressing her interest in serving on the Commission. Her name was placed in nomination to replace Carol Maxwell whose term expires December 2000. Vice-chair Henri David seconded Randy's nomination and she was unanimously elected to serve for a five year term to end December 2005. A question arose regarding the process the Commission uses to nominate members. Steve Harney's interpretation is that the Commission does not have the authority to nominate and vote in its members. He feels that the Board of Selectmen is required to do it. It is the understanding of the Commission that they have the authority to nominate and vote members in as vacancies exist. The Commission then notifies the Board of Selectmen and they confirm the appointments. Henri David made a motion and the Clerk seconded it to research the process and report at the next meeting. The alternate vacancy as a result of David Grey's leaving was discussed. Membership feels it would be appropriate for one of the alternates to be from outside the district. Although Pat Osbourne was not in attendance her name was suggested. Carol Maxwell agreed to also be available if Pat was not interested. It was agreed to check with Pat and any other person who might be interested and report back. Election of officers took place. The following Commissioners were nominated and elected to a one-year term: Janet Foisie, Chairman Henri David, Vice-Chair Donna D. DiBella, Clerk.

The by-laws were then discussed. Carol Maxwell proposed a change to Article VI, Section 7. "That the only applications to be judged insignificant, and therefore not requiring a formal meeting, are those in which an exact replacement is proposed (e.g., replacing a deteriorating chimney, a decrepit fence, a crumbling stone wall). Even these types of applications, however, should require five signatures." Presently, the number of signatures required signing off on these applications is three. The change was openly discussed. Since any proposed amendment change should have been furnished along with a notice of the meeting, we will do so for our next meeting and a vote will be taken.

Wednesday April 18, 2001 and Wednesday, October 17, 2001 were set for future meetings as required by our by-laws.

Under new business, Janet Foisie read a letter from Cliff Rimkus stating he had withdrawn his application for his dock at 148 North Cove Road. Louise Tietjen told the members of the recent death of Betsy Shurts. Betsy's family extended an invitation via Louise to a Memorial party to be held on December 27, 2000 at Betsy's home at 135 North Cove Road. Louise also presented information to the Commission for members who may be interested in attending Yale University 300-year celebration events.

Jennifer Tate, architect, of 26 Blake Street, Ivoryton was then introduced and presented on behalf of the Welsh project. A small addition of 7'6" x 8'3" is to be added to the South West corner of 86 No. Cove Road. It will align with the Bedroom/Study to the rear of the home. All exterior materials will match existing. It was described as New England Cape Cod and there will be no change in street elevation. A window presently used will be reused in the new bathroom. The Clerk read a letter in favor of the project from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Klett of 78 North Cove Road. Their property borders west/southwest of the Welsh site.

Kathy Dubuc introduced Christine Rosenthal our Town Land Planner. She spoke of her role in town government and how she is very interested in interacting more with other local commissions. She presently holds quarterly review board commission meetings. She touched on Harbor Management, Planning and Conservation Commissions and their roles. She would like to continue to be notified of NCHDC meetings so that she can remain informed. She stated that she could secure speakers for our meetings on related topics when we are in need. Comments and questions came from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

The executive session portion of the meeting was opened at 8:21pm. The Welsh application was unanimously approved. In addition, all Commissioners signed an approval for replacement of remaining windows at 55 North Cove Road. Portions of the windows were already approved. Those remaining will be the same ones previously approved- Marvin tru-divided light. Executive session was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna D. DiBella, Clerk