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NORTH COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

ANNUAL FALL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 17, 2001

The North Cove Historic District Commission held its Annual Fall Meeting/ Public Hearing on October 17, 2001 at 7:00pm in the library of the Sheffield Street School. Commissioners present were Janet Foisie Chairman, Kathy Dubuc, Donna D. DiBella Clerk, and Randi Bradbury. The Clerk read the legal notice. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and two corrections were noted. The spelling of Randi Bradbury's name and the fact that the Fort Saybrook Monument Park purchased the land at the point and not the town as originally noted in the previous minutes. Eventually this land will be turned over to the town.

Nominations were then taken to replace one full member (Henri David whose term ended in December 2000) and one alternate (Leighton Lee likewise whose term ended in December 2000). Bob Welsh of 86 North Cove Road was nominated to fill the full member vacancy and Henri David was nominated to fill the alternate position. With no other nominations coming from the floor, the nominations were closed. Bob Welsh and Henri David will be recommended to the Board of Selectmen by the Commission for confirmation. Their terms expire in December 2006. The following Commissioners were nominated and elected to serve as officers for the coming year: Janet Foisie Chairman, Kathy Dubuc Vice-chair, and Donna D. DiBella Clerk.

Chairman Foisie asked if there were any changes to be made to the by-laws. There being none, the existing by-laws were made a part of the annual meeting. A discussion took place as to a time limit once approval is given to a homeowner to complete his or her project. It was the consensus that once a project is approved that approval should stand and it would be hard to limit it to the seller even if the property is sold. It was noted however, site plans are good for five years and special permits are good for two years and renewable for one additional year. It is evident that other town agencies have time limits. The NCHDC deals in scale, scope and esthetics and therefore time should not change our decisions.

Wednesday April 10, 2002 and Wednesday October 2, 2002 were set for future meetings as required by our by-laws.

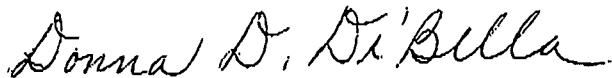
Under old business, Henri David met with Michael Pace regarding several issues as a result of our April meeting; He reported that proper signage for parking was placed at the clothes line ramp and the brush has been cleared from that area as well. The triangle at the entrance of No. Cove Road also seems less cluttered. Lastly, the right of way between Klewin and Cowles homes was discussed. According to Bill Childress, the Board of Selectmen has adopted a policy to restrict vehicular traffic by placing a bolder approximately one-car length in front of all Rights of Way in town. Access will still be open to those persons who wish to walk down to the edge of the water. Janet Foisie reported that she and Donna D. DiBella attended the Village Gateway committee to discuss the property at the top of Main Street owned by Mobil. The town is prepared to make an offer to purchase and will follow it up from there. A sketch of what the town has in mind as a welcome center was passed around. The Clerk read a letter from Louise Tietjen on behalf of the "Yale 300" committee. It commended the NCHDC for its spectacular display of memorabilia, photos of "then" and "now" and detailed descriptions of life as it was in the 18th and 19th century. Chairman Foisie will research to determine those NCHDC members who do not have the Report of the NCHD Study Committee of Old Saybrook as reported in July 1984. She suggested all members have at least this reference in their homes.

Under new business, it was suggested that a sign be place as one drives down No. Cove Rd identifying the entrance to the historic district. One comment was made that the less attention drawn to the area the better off we would be. The sign would not be at the entrance of No. Cove Road but once you reach the start of the district. One sign, approximately in the area of the Connolly or Genther home and then another near the Bert home was suggested. Henri David agreed to look into the sign and how we can pay for and

maintain it will be further discussed at the next meeting. No final vote was taken to erect the sign. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

The executive Session portion of the meeting was opened at 7:43pm. The Meotti project was presented by Mary and Jeff Meotti to erect a pergola on the north side of their home at 103 No. Cove Road. It will be 26' long, 10' deep and 9' high. It will be made of wood, be painted white and have two columns. It will be attached to their home yet be free standing. Since the project will not be built until spring, the exact design (aside from the above specifications) is not yet available. The pergola project was unanimously approved with one stipulation, that the final sketch be submitted by the architect to the commission for its final approval. The session was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna D. DiBella
Clerk