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## NORTH COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING/ OCTOBER 2, 2002

The Public Hearing of the North Cove Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:15pm in the library of the Sheffield Street School. Commissioners present were chairman, Janet Foisie, Vice-Chair, Katy Dubuc, Clerk, Donna D. DiBella and Randi Bradbury. The Clerk read the legal notice and an addendum to the legal notice. The addendum stated that since the inception of the NCHDC in 1985, the Commission has been using a draft of an ordinance, which was later changed at the Town Meeting on 3-12-85 by Ord. No 60. Terms of all members expire on December 1 and the Commission is supposed to meet within 30 days after December 1 for an organizational meeting to elect officers and not October as originally followed all these years. First Selectman Michael Pace was the guest. He requested all interested parties wishing to serve as a member or alternate contact the Board of Selectmen directly by October 15, 2002. The informal practice endorsed by the present and past Board of Selectmen will change effective with these appointments. Effective December 1, there will be one regular member and one alternate to be replaced. Michael Pace took questions from the body. What qualifications were necessary for future Commissioners? He stated that one needs to know, "historic district policy and practice." He stated that the process was followed properly concerning the Tully House and that the Commission needs to move on from its decision. He read a letter from the owner, Frank Manafort re gifting the house to the town. The letter referred to gifting "all elements". The homeowner asked the town to respond by October 11, 2002. If the Board of Selectmen agree not to remove and store the home, others will be given the opportunity to do so. Mr. Pace stated that at the Selectman's meeting to be held on October 3, 2002 this would be discussed. He is not certain that the use of public funds is proper in this instance. He would consider asking Mr. Manafort to pay for the dismantling if he is in fact planning to remove it anyway. Mr. Pace noted that the town could always determine how the house could be used at a later date after it is stored. Mr. Pace will inform the NCHDC of its decision. An advisory opinion from the Commission was requested by the homeowner if the town decides to take what Mr. Pace referred to as "temporary custody of the house".

The minutes of the Public Hearing of July 24 were read. Two corrections were made and the amended minutes were accepted. Under New Business, Leighton Lee III presented his plans. Kathy Dubuc recused herself (as an abutting neighbor) and left the Commissioners table. Mr. Lee lives at 141 North Cove Road. He and his wife Marie are making changes to their kitchen which include changes to the exterior. On the South elevation, one window would be reduce in size to five ½ by four ½ and moved up approximately 2 feet. Shutters to match existing may be used. On the North side, an existing picture window would be replaced by a tru divided light 12 over 12. Also, a mahogany deck 12x12(to be built on the North West Side) to match existing on North East Side of house is planned. A door opening onto the deck to access this deck from the kitchen would replace the existing window. All would be wooden tru divided light.

Chairman Foisie read a letter on behalf of the Klewin project. Due to a scheduling problem, the Klewin's asked that their project to screen in an existing porch we postponed.

Chairman Foisie announced she sent two sympathy cards out to the following people: Leighton Lee III on the loss of his father and Jeanie Cowles on the loss of her husband, Hal. Chairman Foisie read three letters regarding the Tully House. Janet Klett of 78 North Cove Road wrote one. The second by Robert Forbes of New Haven and the third was from the State Historical Commission. Chairman Foisie forwarded all information requested by the state to them for their review.

Under Old Business, Paul Dubuc reported about the guardrail issue at the close line boat launch. Richard Maslar, our neighbor at 94 North Cove Road has agreed to donate his labor, time and materials to install a new guardrail. It should be no higher than 18-20 inches. It will be simple in design and wooden. Mr. Pace noted that this is an area that could be a safety hazard and this guardrail will alert walkers, bikers and the general public of the drop off that exists there. The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The private meeting was opened. After a short discussion Chairman Foisie, Clerk DiBella and Randi Bradbury unanimously approved the Lee project. The private meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna D. DiBella, Clerk