

**CHESHIRE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL - 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Elizabeth Pratt Fox, Joseph Dattilo, James Vibert, Sr. and John Torello

Commissioners Absent:

Jeanné Chesanow and Elizabeth Ryducha

Staff Present:

None

Others Present:

John Weinstein

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elizabeth Pratt Fox called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was taken for the meeting.

III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

No Alternate Commissioners were seated for voting tonight with the Historic District Commission.

IV. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION by Joseph Dattilo to nominate Elizabeth Pratt Fox to serve as Chair of the Historic District Commission for 2017.

SECONDED by James Vibert, Sr.

VOTE: In Favor – Pratt Fox, Torello
Opposed - None

Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION by Elizabeth Pratt Fox to nominate Joseph Dattilo to serve as Vice Chair for the Historic District Commission for 2017.

SECONDED by John Torello

VOTE: In Favor – Dattilo, Vibert
Opposed - None

Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION by Joseph Dattilo to nominate James Vibert, Sr. to serve as Clerk for the Historic District Commission for 2017.

SECONDED by John Torello

VOTE: In Favor – Pratt Fox, Vibert
Opposed - None

Motion passed 4-0.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Public Hearing and Regular Meeting – January 3, 2017

The following correction was noted:

- A) The last sentence of the motion for Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-013C should be amended as follows: “If the electrical conduit must be run along the molding of the door, the Historic District Commission stipulates that the electrical conduit be as small as possible, painted to match the existing color of

the house and penetration be underneath the porch to run a chaseway up to light."

MOTION by James Vibert, Sr. to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 public hearing and regular meeting, as amended.

SECONDED by Joseph Dattilo

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox, Torello
Opposed - None

The motion passed 4-0.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Pratt Fox stated an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness will probably be filed for installation of solar panels at 152 Cornwall Avenue. This is the first application the Historic District Commission will consider for a solar panel installation. There was a lengthy discussion and suggestions were made to amend the regulations.

Chairman Pratt Fox stated a letter was sent to John Weinstein welcoming him to the Historic District after his purchase of 15 South Main Street.

IX. BUSINESS

- A) Certificate of Appropriateness #2017-001C
John Weinstein
15 South Main Street
Heating/Cooling System and Storefront Lighting Above Signage

Mr. Weinstein proposed a plan for the installation of a new split unit condenser for heating and cooling. Mr. Weinstein stated although there is currently a condenser on the building, it is not operational. Mr. Weinstein stated he would like to replace the window adjacent the condenser. The members of the Historic District Commission requested a picture of the window be provided at the public hearing. The members requested that Mr. Weinstein provide a drawing showing the location of the lighting fixture. There was a brief discussion.

MOTION by James Vibert, Sr. to send Certificate of Appropriateness #2017-001C to public hearing on March 6, 2017.

SECONDED by John Torello

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox, Dattilo
Opposed - None

The motion passed 4-0.

- B) Certificate of Appropriateness #2017-002C
John Weinstein
15 South Main Street
Electrical System Upgrade - Conduit and Exterior Electric Meters

Mr. Weinstein proposed a plan for installation of a new electrical system, including moving the meters to the outside of the building. The members of the Historic District Commission requested that Mr. Weinstein provide a schematic drawing, including proposed placement of conduit and exterior meters. There was a lengthy discussion.

MOTION by James Vibert, Sr. to send Certificate of Appropriateness #2017-002C to public hearing on March 6, 2017.

SECONDED by John Torello

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox, Dattilo
Opposed - None

The motion passed 4-0.

- C) Committees
 - 1. Education/Community Outreach

There was no report on Education/Community Outreach.

- 2. Regulations/Rules
 - a. Design Guidelines

No changes.

- D) Chairman's Report

1. Chairman Pratt Fox stated she, Jerry Sitko, Joseph Dattilo and Greg Farmer were able to visit the Chapman property. Chairman Pratt Fox stated she will request time on the agenda of the next Town Council meeting on February 15, 2017 to discuss the historic house located on the Chapman property.
2. Chairman Pratt Fox stated she will be turning the Kensett Doll over to the Performing and Fine Arts Commission tomorrow.
3. The chairperson and commission members discussed proposed changes to section 5.2.1c of the regulations concerning repair and replacement.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joseph Dattilo to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

SECONDED by James Vibert, Sr.

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox, Torello
Opposed - None

The motion passed 4-0.

Attest:

Karen M. Gill
Recording Secretary
Historic District Commission