

**CHESHIRE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL - 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Joseph Dattilo, Lisa Franco, George Pawlush and Gayle Nidoh

Commissioners Absent:

James Vibert, Sr., Helen Wilson, John Torello and Andrew Martelli

Staff Present:

Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

Others Present:

Diane Calabro, President, Cheshire Historical Society
Ana Arellano, 175 Paul Ney Road
Sam Dunlop, 175 Paul Ney Road

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dattilo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was taken.

III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Dattilo seated Mrs. Nidoh as an alternate commissioner for voting.

IV. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness #2019-003C
Cheshire Historical Society
43 Church Drive
Door Replacement on Shed

Diane Calabro, president of the Cheshire Historical Society, stated the door has already been replaced because it was her understanding from public works that it was maintenance-related. Mr. Sitko mentioned that according to the Historic District Commission regulations the shed could be considered a non-contributing resource. Mrs. Calabro stated she wanted the replacement door to be historically appropriate. Chairman Dattilo stated that for the purposes of this application, the shed is non-contributing with low visibility from a public way. A discussion ensued and the public hearing was subsequently closed.

- B. Certificate of Appropriateness #2019-004C
Cheshire Historical Society
43 Church Drive
Create Brick Walkway from Shed to Kitchen Door and to Colonial Garden

Diane Calabro, stated the historical society would like to install a brick walkway from the rear "kitchen" door to the shed door with a "T" that brings this walkway into the colonial garden. Mrs. Calabro stated she has old "Stiles" bricks that she intends to use to create the walkway. There was a brief discussion about proper installation, maintenance and snow removal.

Mrs. Calabro asked the record to reflect that she would like the town owned property to be cleaned out for access to Bennett Avenue. Mr. Sitko stated he will mention this to public works and suggested Ms. Calabro make a request to this department.

Chairman Dattilo closed the Public Hearing at 8:02.

VII. Regular Meeting

- 1. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting - July 8, 2019

MOTION by Mrs. Franco to approve the special meeting minutes of July 8, 2019 as submitted.

SECONDED by Mr. Pawlush and passed unanimously.

- 2. Communications

Mr. Sitko stated he received an email from Jeanne Chesanow in reply to a question about what happened in 1694.

Mr. Sitko stated he received an email from Alan Skiparis from the First Congregational church regarding replacement of two rear entry doors on the back (west side) of the church, which are not visible.

3. Business

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness #2019-003C
Cheshire Historical Society
43 Church Drive
Door Replacement on Shed

MOTION by Mr. Pawlusch to approve COA #2019-003C as discussed with the stipulation that the moulding be replicated. The shed is not a primary building, has low visibility and matches the door it replaces.

SECONDED by Mrs. Nidoh and passed unanimously.

- B. Certificate of Appropriateness #2019-004C
Cheshire Historical Society
43 Church Drive
Create Brick Walkway from Shed to Kitchen Door and to Colonial Garden

MOTION by Mrs. Franco to approve COA #2019-004C with the stipulation that the base be properly prepared to be stable and flat for drainage and grading.

SECONDED by Mrs. Nidoh and passed unanimously.

C. Committees

1. Education/Community Outreach

Chairman Dattilo stated the Cheshire Public Library is holding a Civics Engagement Fair at CHS on October 2, 2019 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Chairman Dattilo would like the Historic District Commission to have a presence at this event.

2. Regulations/Rules

a. Design Guidelines

There was no discussion.

b. Handbook

There was no discussion.

3. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

4. Other

Chairman Dattilo stated that Spirits Alive will be held on October 11th and 12th and there are volunteer opportunities for anyone interested.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Mrs. Nidoh at 8:17 p.m.

SECONDED by Mr. Pawlush and passed unanimously.

Attest:

Karen M. Gill
Recording Secretary