

**CHESHIRE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL - 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Elizabeth Pratt Fox, Jeanné Chesanow, James Vibert, Sr., Christine Pittsley and John Torello

Commissioners Absent:

James Dattilo and Elizabeth Ryducha,

Staff Present:

Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

Others Present:

Paul Bowman, George Noewatne, Timothy Rourke

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

The roll was taken for the meeting.

**III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Chairman Pratt Fox did not seat any Alternate Commissioners 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. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness #2016-005C  
GRA-MAR, LLC.  
219 South Main Street  
Handicap Access-way Replacement

Mr. Sitko read the Certificate of Appropriateness and the public notice for this Public Hearing as it appeared in the Cheshire Herald on August 25, 2016 and he stated that notarized, written proof that the abutting property owners were notified has been received by the Planning Department; there were no written comments submitted or verbal comments received on behalf of this application.

Timothy Rourke represents GRA-MAR, LLC. and owns the building at 219 South Main Street. Mr. Rourke presented the proposed replacement and reduction of the handicap access ramp at 219 South Main Street. Mr. Rourke's proposed changes were previously approved by the Historic District Commission in 2009. Mr. Rourke reviewed the proposed changes and the materials, which are the same as in the previously approved application.

### Discussion

Chairman Pratt Fox opened the Public Hearing up for discussion. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the proposed application.

### Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

**MOTION** by Jeanné Chesanow to close the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

**SECONDED** by Christine Pittsley

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

Motion passed 4-0.

## **VII. REGULAR MEETING**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – August 1, 2016**

**MOTION** by James Vibert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 1, 2016, as amended.

**SECONDED** by Christine Pittsley

**VOTE:** In Favor - Pratt Fox, Chesanow  
Opposed - None

The motion passed 4-0.

## **VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Jerry Sitko stated there were three communications:

1. A thank you letter to the Town of Cheshire from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation for a donation to their membership drive.
2. An email from Elizabeth Pratt Fox to Patti Flynn Harris regarding the Chapman property.
3. A history of and comments on South Brooksvale and Mt. Sanford Roads by Jean McKee.

**IX. BUSINESS**

- A) Certificate of Appropriateness #2016-005C  
GRA-MAR, LLC.  
219 South Main Street  
Handicap Access-way Replacement

**MOTION** by Christine Pittsley to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-0005C filed by GRA-MAR, LLC. for replacement and reduction of the handicap access ramp at 219 South Main Street.

**SECONDED** by Jeanné Chesanow

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

Motion passed 4-0

- B) Certificate of Appropriateness #2016-006C  
Town of Cheshire Public Works and Engineering  
South Brooksvale Road  
Public Safety Roadside Improvements

**MOTION** by Jeanné Chesanow that the Historic District Commission send Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-006C to public hearing on October 3, 2016 at 7:30 at Cheshire Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire.

**SECONDED** by Christine Pittsley

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

The motion passed 4-0.

- C) Certificate of Appropriateness #2016-007C  
Eddie Rabbit, LLC.  
166-168 South Main Street  
Signage

Paul Bowman presented the proposed signage for 166-168 South Main Street. The Historic District Commission asked for a more detailed profile of the sign to be reviewed at the public hearing.

**MOTION** by James Vibert that the Historic District Commission send Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-007C to public hearing on October 3, 2016 at 7:30 at Cheshire Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire.

**SECONDED** by Christine Pittsley

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

The motion passed 4-0.

- D) Certificate of Appropriateness #2016-008C  
Town of Cheshire Public Works  
84 South Main Street  
Window Replacement

**MOTION** by James Vibert that the Historic District Commission send Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-008C to public hearing on October 3, 2016 at 7:30 at Cheshire Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire.

**SECONDED** by Christine Pittsley

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

The motion passed 4-0.

E) Committees

1. Education/Community Outreach

a. Trolley Tour

Jeanné Chesanow stated the Trolley Tour is going forward on September 25, 2016. Christine Pittsley suggested the Cheshire Historical Society be asked to post publicity about the Trolley Tour on Facebook. Jeanné Chesanow stated flyers are to be distributed around Town.

2. Regulations/Rules

a. Design Guidelines

No changes.

F) Chairman's Report

1. Chairman Pratt Fox stated Attorney Jay Herschman has closed on the property at 84 Main Street and plans to make a law office and some apartments.

2. Chairman Pratt Fox stated The Kensett Doll will be on the road again soon.

3. Chairman Pratt Fox stated The Congregational Church plans to install central air conditioning in the sanctuary. The compressors will be hidden. Mr. Sitko has asked for a map and will forward it to the Historic District Commission for review.

4. The Chapman property will go to referendum on September 27, 2016. Chairman Pratt Fox stated it is important to keep the conversation open with the Town about what will be done with this property.

G) Other

1. Mr. Sitko stated John Weinstein hopes to close on the property at 15 South Main Street by the end of September. Mr. Weinstein has asked for photos of the property. Jeanné Chesanow stated she has some photos and will send them to Mr. Sitko.
2. Mr. Sitko stated he and Jeanné Chesanow are working with Creative Dimensions on signage for the trail.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by James Vibert, Sr. to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

**SECONDED** by Christine Pittsley

**VOTE:** In Favor Pratt Fox, Chesanow  
Opposed - None

The motion passed 4-0.

Attest:

Karen M. Gill  
Recording Secretary