

**CHESHIRE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL - 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Jeanné Chesanow, Christine Pittsley, John Torello and Elizabeth Ryducha

Staff Present:

Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

Others Present:

Claire Boiano & Councilperson Patti Flynn-Harris

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 #2016-009C
Claire Boiano
96 Cornwall Avenue
Miscellaneous changes including picket fence, storm door, shutters,
mailbox and porch lights

Mr. Dattilo read the Certificate of Appropriateness and the public notice for this Public Hearing as it appeared in the Cheshire Herald on October 6, 2016 and stated that notarized, written proof that the abutting property owners were notified has been received by the Planning Department. Mr. Sitko stated there was one verbal communication received with regard to this application.

Claire Boiano of 96 Cornwall Avenue stated the shutters will be repaired and repainted and should be taken out of the application. Ms. Boiano stated a wall mounted antique copper mailbox will be added as well as a porch light in oiled bronze on each side of the front door. The outdoor light fixtures will be Craftmade outdoor wall sconces. Ms. Boiano stated the front storm door will be replaced with a Larson "Screen Away" door. Ms. Boiano stated a small vinyl fence will be added in the back, barely visible from the street. Ms. Boiano thanked the Historic District Commission for their time and consideration.

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 James Vibert, Sr. to close the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

SECONDED by Joseph Dattilo

VOTE: In Favor – Pratt Fox
Opposed - None

Motion passed 3-0.

VII. REGULAR MEETING

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – October 3, 2016

The following corrections were noted:

1. Under Section V(A). Public Hearing, Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-006C, in the last sentence of the third paragraph the number of accidents should be amended to state 27, not 25. The first sentence of the fourth paragraph, should be amended to state "...south of the intersection with Bethany Mountain Road. The last sentence of the eighth paragraph, should be amended to state "... done to make the curve in the road...". In the sixth sentence of the ninth paragraph "solar light" should be amended to "street light." The seventh sentence of the eighth paragraph should be amended to read, "There will also be solar street signs in each direction, similar to what is on Cheshire Street." The last sentence of the eighth paragraph should be amended to read "... the solar signs will be located." In eighteenth paragraph, it should be clarified that Mr. Dattilo asked if each of the stated items would be individually accepted by the Historic District Commission if each were considered separately. The second sentence of the twentieth paragraph should be amended to read, "... or similar native plant be planted on a berm behind the guardrail." In the seventh sentence of the first paragraph under Public Comment, the number of accidents should be identified as 25.
2. Under Section VI. Regular Meeting (2A.) Business, Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-006C. The motion should be amended to read "...landscaping with consideration for Mountain Laurel or similar native plant be planted on a berm behind the guardrail, installation of two additional warning signs about the curve and installation of a rumble strip across South Brooksvale Road in the southbound direction."

MOTION by James Vibert, Sr. to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing, as amended.

SECONDED by Joseph Dattilo.

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox
Opposed - None

The motion passed 3-0.

2. APPROVAL OF 2017 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING DATES

MOTION by James Vibert, Sr. to accept the 2017 Historic District Commission meeting dates as published.

SECONDED by Joseph Dattilo.

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox
Opposed - None

The motion passed 3-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Jerry Sitko stated there was only one communication to the Historic District Commission regarding Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-009C.

4. BUSINESS

- A) Certificate of Appropriateness #2016-009C
Claire Boiano
96 Cornwall Avenue
Miscellaneous changes including picket fence, storm door, shutters, mailbox and porch lights

MOTION by Joseph Dattilo to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-0009C filed by Claire Boiano for miscellaneous changes including a picket fence barely visible from

the road, a Larson "Screen Away" door, a wall mounted antique copper mailbox, and two Craftmade outdoor wall sconces in oiled bronze on each side of the front door. The shutters are taken out of consideration as they will be repaired and repainted.

SECONDED by James Vibert, Sr.

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox
Opposed - None

Motion passed 3-0

- B) Certificate of Appropriateness #2016-010C
Estrella Havell
224 Cornwall Avenue
Window and Garage Door Replacement

Mr. Sitko stated Estrella Havell of 224 Cornwall Avenue has filed an application to replace one window on the rear, righthand side of the 1950s addition with an energy efficient window and replace the garage door with a design similar to the current garage door.

MOTION by Joseph Dattilo that the Historic District Commission send Certificate of Appropriateness 2016-010C to public hearing on November 7, 2016 at 7:30 at Cheshire Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire. The Historic District Commission requested more information about the type of window and garage door being proposed.

SECONDED by James Vibert, Sr.

VOTE: In Favor - Pratt Fox
Opposed - None

The motion passed 3-0.

- C) Committees

1. Education/Community Outreach

- a. Trolley Tour

Mr. Vibert stated the community enjoyed the Trolley Tour and the \$525.00 in net revenue will be donated to the Connecticut Humanities Council. There was a brief discussion about how the donation letter should be written and presented. Mr. Vibert stated a research committee has been formed to discuss future trolley tours. Mr. Vibert stated Cheshirepedia did a great job on the book for the Trolley Tour.

2. Regulations/Rules

- a. Design Guidelines

No changes.

- D) Chairman's Report

1. Chairman Pratt Fox stated a symposium organized by the New Haven Museum, the New Haven Preservation Trust, the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, and the State Historic Preservation Office will be held at the New Haven Museum on October 29, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act passed by Congress in 1966.
2. Chairman Pratt Fox stated on November 2, 2016 at 7:00 Dr. Daniel Miles from the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory will come to Guilford to take take core samples to determine the age of several historic homes in Guilford.
3. Chairman Pratt Fox stated on November 3, 2016 from 6-9PM Ted Roth will be presenting his book "Brass Valley: Fall of an American Industry" at the Two Roads Brewery in Stratford.

- E) Other

1. Chapman Farm - Town Council liaison Patti Flynn-Harris

stated there was nothing to report on the sale of the Chapman property since the referendum passed. Chairman Pratt Fox stated she would like the minutes to reflect that the Historic District Commission is interested in being part of the conversation about the house on the Chapman property before any action is taken by the Town. There was a brief discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by James Vibert, Sr. to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

SECONDED by Joseph Dattilo

VOTE: In Favor Pratt Fox
Opposed - None

The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

Karen M. Gill
Recording Secretary