

Historic District Commission
March 10, 2007 – Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Room #3
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Deborah Hayn, Robert Kvederas, Ellen Sharon, Nancy Anderson;
Alternate Janice Adams at 7:10 p.m.; Rosemary Coyle, Zoning Enforcement
Officer Craig Grimord.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Hayn called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

A. Minutes of February 11, 2008, Regular Meeting.

Motion by: R. Kvederas.

to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting as read.

Second by: E. Sharon

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

3. ADDITIONS.

No additions requested.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

No comments received.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- A. **HDC #08-037 David McElroy, 63 Hayward Avenue – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to lower an existing commercial freestanding ground sign and to review the choice for outside light fixtures and garage doors form precious application HDC #07-035.**

Chairman Hayn was about to open the Public Hearing when it was noted that the legal warning stated the Public Hearing would be held at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by: R. Kvederas

to table the Public Hearing for the sign until 7:30 p.m.

Second by: P. Chesnes.

Vote: Unanimous by those present.

J. Adams arrived at this point in the agenda.

The review of the outside light fixtures and garage doors are from application HDC#07-035. Photo copies of the lights dated 3/10/08 were found to be appropriate. The material for the garage doors was not identified. No one was present representing the McElroys.

Motion by: E. Sharon

to approve the lights as submitted in copies dated 3/10/08 and wait for clarification on the material for the garage doors.

Second by: P. Chesnes.

Vote: Unanimous by those present.

Motion by: J. Adams

to move Item B of Old Business to this point in the agenda.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous.

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OLD BUSINESS.

B. Fines.

Discussion followed on the enforcement of regulations and possible implementing of fines. C. Grimord stated an ordinance is required to enforce fines and at this time Colchester does not have one. He explained that at this time the procedure is to contact the violator, send a certified letter, do follow up, issue a Cease and Desist Order with thirty day compliance and then if not resolved, bring the situation to the Planning and Zoning Commission for direction and possible legal action.

At this time outstanding violations consist of signs at First Step Daycare at 67 Hayward Avenue, numerous signs at 32 Norwich Avenue, 11 Hayward Avenue and NuNu's Bistro, at 43 Hayward Avenue. These signs require Certificates of Appropriateness.

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Chairman Hayn opened the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m. reading the legal notice as published in The Hartford Courant on March 4, 2008.

Voting members for this application are D. Hayn, E. Sharon, N. Anderson, R. Kvederas, P. Chesnes.

No one was present to represent the applicant. A boundary survey noting the location of the existing sign was reviewed. The McElroy's propose to lower the sign approximately six inches. The Commission had asked the McElroys about moving the sign to one side. As many questions were unable to be answered, a motion to continue was presented.

Motion by: E. Sharon

to continue the Public Hearing to the next Commission meeting on
April 14, 2008.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous. Time: 8:02 p.m.

Craig Grimord left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Goals for 2008

Chairman Hayn discussed goals for the coming year including the electric box on the Green, sign issues, painting the Historic District sign posts, the blue historic marker sign on the Main Street side of the Green, continue to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the tree. E Sharon said she would like to continue with identifying the inventory of resources, i.e. what items are at Bacon Academy, with the Historic Society, the Library, etc.

D. Hayn said there is still potential for grant money to work on the website.

B. Open House – Colored School

The School for Colored Children will be open on March 5, 6, 7 (rain date 3/9/08) for the third and fourth grade tour, during the Memorial Day Parade, the Tag Sale on the Green, and the Historical Society Craft Show on the Green from 9:00a.m.until 12:00 p.m.

J. Adams will contact Carla Holloway, of the Colored School Committee, to see if she will help with the school during the days it is open.

N. Anderson asked about writing letters to help with repairs to the school. Carefree Buildings has offered to donate the boards needed for repair.

R. Kvederas stated he has a Boy Scout wanting to work on the repairs as an Eagle Scout project. The Scouts are also willing to strip and paint the posts for the Historical District signs.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Parks and Recreation Department Tree

E. Sharon attended a meeting with First Selectman Linda Hodge, and Bacon Academy Trustees, Lions Club, Colchester Business Association, Park and Recreation Commission and Historical Society members to discuss the tree on the Green. It was suggested that the original large tree be somehow illuminated or recognized as it has been there for many years.

Discussion included bringing in a 25' tree each year and decorating that as the main tree. The tree used last year is small and is in need of being moved. To plant another tree would take years for it to be large enough and there is a problem of where to plant it.

The Bacon Academy Trustees have specific restrictions for trees planted on the Green.

It would take approximately \$10,000 to purchase lights for the large tree. Squirrels have chewed through the wires and the weather has damaged the existing lights that are now considered unsafe to use.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

9. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: E. Sharon
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: P. Chesnes.

Vote: Unanimous.

Chairman Hayn adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk