

Historic District Commission
April 13, 2009 – Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Room #3
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ellen Sharon, Robert Kvederas, Nancy Anderson, Alternates Janice Adams, Mike Trocchi, Linda Akerman; Zoning Enforcement Officer Craig Grimord; Board of Selectman Liaison Rosemary Coyle.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Chesnes, William Beer.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Sharon noted that in the absence of regular members Alternates J. Adams and L. Akerman will be seated as voting members.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

N. Anderson requested adding School for Colored Children – Building Discussion to the agenda.

Motion by: J. Adams

to add School Building as Item 8. B.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous by those present.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Minutes of March 9, 2009, Regular Meeting.

Motion by: R. Kvederas

to waive reading of the minutes.

Second by: N. Anderson.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by: J. Adams

to approve the minutes of March 9, 2009, with corrections to references to the 'Historical Society'.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. FIVE MINUTE SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

No comments received.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. HD#09-001 Historic District Commission, Applicant: Application to amend the Historic District Regulations, Section 3-1, to add new language regarding the Zoning Regulation. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. Voting members are E. Sharon, J. Adams, R. Kvederas, L. Akerman, N. Anderson.

The regulations were reviewed and C. Grimord stated the legal warning in the newspaper was for changes to Section 3-1. Changes were suggested to Section 4-6 that will be noticed in the newspaper for the next meeting.

Motion by: J. Adams

to continue the Public Hearing until the May meeting.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous.

6. PENDING APPLICATIONS

No pending applications.

7. NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications have been received as of today.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Colored School/ Grade 3 Walk, May 4th, 5th, 6th, 2009 for discussion and possible action.
The third grade class walking tour will take place beginning on May 4. J. Adams will be at

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the school on May 4, E. Sharon on May 5, and J. Adams on May 6, 2009.

B. Colored School, Building Condition.

N. Anderson noted that the school is in need of repair and landscaping. R. Kvederas has the Boy Scouts lined up to paint, just waiting for a break in the weather. N. Anderson will look into plantings. J. Adams said the lock was in need of repair. Several members will meet at the school tomorrow to fix the lock.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Handbook Revisions

The Handbook was reviewed and several minor changes requested. C. Grimord will have final draft for next meeting.

B. Invitation to Church Parking Meeting on April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

J. Adams received a telephone call inviting the Commission to a meeting regarding the Federated Church parking lot project. Preliminary design plans have been submitted to Planning and Zoning. Significant landscaping is planned for the church area, a horseshoe driveway, gravel parking area near the old parsonage, handicap accessibility changes. An application has been made to the State Department of Transportation (DOT). This property is in the Historic Protection Overlay Zone but not the Historic District.

The meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2009 and all members are encouraged to attend.

C. Tree Meeting regarding Elm trees on Hayward Avenue

The trees along the Hayward Avenue side of the Town Green are in need of trimming as they are growing into the power lines. CL&P, the Tree Warden, First Selectman, arborists and those people responsible for donating the trees, members of the Historic District Commission, Bacon Academy Trustees, all held a meeting to discuss the trimming procedure. The trees are a safety hazard and must be trimmed extensively. CL&P had one tree trimmed to show the effect.

The alternatives are: (1) to remove the trees planting more appropriate trees, (2) trim them and see if they will survive, (3) place the power lines underground at an estimated cost of \$250,000. The trees will be trimmed this month and when CL&P comes around in their four year cycle, they will expect a solution.

Selectman Coyle will look into the possibility of stimulus money for this project.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

C. Grimord stated the Historic District's website is up and running and the Rules of Procedure and Handbook, when approved, will be available on the website.

11. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

No report this evening.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: N. Anderson
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous.

Chairman Sharon adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk