

Historic District Commission
March 9, 2009 – Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Room #3
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Ellen Sharon, Robert Kvederas, Peter Chesnes, Nancy Anderson at 7:28 p.m.; Alternates Janice Adams, Mike Trocchi, Linda Akerman, Zoning Enforcement Officer Craig Grimord.

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Beer.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

P. Chesnes requested adding HDC Website to the agenda for discussion.

Motion by: P. Chesnes

to add HDC Website to the agenda under New Business.

Second by: J. Adams.

Vote: Unanimous by those present.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Minutes of November 17, 2008, Regular Meeting.

Motion by: P. Chesnes

to waive reading of the minutes.

Second by: R. Kvederas

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by: R. Kvederas

to approve the minutes of November 17, 2008, meeting as read.

Second by: J. Adams.

Vote: Abstaining: P. Chesnes (absent from meeting).

Opposed: None.

In favor: E. Sharon, J. Adams, R. Kvederas.

4. FIVE MINUTE SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

No Citizens were present.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No hearings this evening.

6. PENDING APPLICATIONS

No pending applications.

7. NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications have been received as of today.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome New Members

Vice Chairman Sharon introduced Linda Akerman and Mike Trocchi as new alternates.

William Beer has been seated as a member but was unable to attend this evening. Vice

Chairman Sharon stated that M. Trocchi and J. Adams are seated in the absence of

members.

B. Election of Officers

Vice Chairman Sharon called for nominations for Chairman.

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TOWN CLERK

Nancy A. Bray

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Motion by: P. Chesnes
to nominate E. Sharon as Chairman of the Historic District Commission.
Second by: R. Kvederas.

No further nominations were received.

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to close nominations

Second by: J. Adams.

Vote: Unanimous to close.

Vote: Unanimous for E. Sharon as Chair.

Chairman Sharon asked for nominations for Vice Chairman

Motion by: E. Sharon
to nominate P. Chesnes as Vice Chairman.

Second by: J. Adams.

No further nominations were received.

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to close nominations.

Second by: P. Chesnes.

Vote: Unanimous to close.

Vote: Unanimous for P. Chesnes as Vice Chair.

Motion by: E. Sharon
to nominate Nancy Anderson for Clerk.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

No further nominations were received.

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to close nominations

Second by: P. Chesnes.

Vote: Unanimous to close.

Vote: Unanimous for N. Anderson for Clerk.

C. Handbook Revisions

The Historic District Handbook was reviewed and several changes/additions were noted. C. Grimord will make the changes for further review at the next meeting and a public hearing will be scheduled for those regulations that require a hearing.

D. Grade 3 Walk – May 4th, 5th and 6th

Town Historian Stanley Moroch schedules a walk with third graders each year in May. The dates are May 4, 5, 6 with a rain date of May 8, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. E. Sharon will take care of the sign for the Community Board. J. Adams will retrieve the map that hangs inside from D. Hayn to make copies. J. Adams will take one day and check with the two women who helped with the Walk last year to see if they are available this year. E. Sharon may be able to take one day.

F. Regulations to prevent destruction of “old houses”

The Historic Society has requested the HDC to discuss helping to develop new regulations to prevent destruction of old houses. C. Grimord stated that the HDC has protection in place for houses in the Historic District and the Town has means in place for those in the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone. C. Grimord suggested regulations from other towns be reviewed and a suggestion submitted to the Planning

Department for review as there is going to be an overall review of the zoning regulations or the group could submit an application for a change/addition to the regulations. After a discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that the HDC would support the Historic Society in their efforts.

N. Anderson arrived during this discussion.

E. HDC Website

Two years ago the HDC received a grant to establish a website and archive files. P. Chesnes designed and built the site but it is not connected to the new Town website at this time.

C. Grimord stated the website information has been found on the old server and IT Technician Marc Tate is working on linking it with the Town website. P. Chesnes asked about updating the website and will get in touch with M. Tate.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Sharon received a letter from First Selectman Linda Hodge regarding a meeting that has been scheduled with Connecticut Light & Power Company to discuss trimming the trees on the Green. These are the trees the HDC received donations from citizens to honor, or in memory of, loved ones. The meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Skyview Realty located in the Hayward House on Hayward Avenue.

11. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.

No report this evening.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: J. Adams
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous.

Chairman Sharon adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk