

Historic District Commission
May 18, 2009 – Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Room #3
127 Norwich Avenue

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Chesnes, William Beer, Linda Akerman

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Sharon requested adding Handbook Revisions as Item D and Church Parking Meeting as Item E under Old Business; under New Business, Item B – Historical Map and Item C – Fire House Grant to the agenda.

Motion by: R. Kvederas.
to add items as stated above.

Second by: N. Anderson.

Vote: Unanimous by those present.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Minutes of April 13, 2009, Regular Meeting.

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to waive reading of the minutes of April 13, 2009.

Second by: N. Anderson.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by: J. Adams
to approve the minutes of April 13, 2009, minutes as read.

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 Regulations and Section 4-6, to add new language regarding application for properties with existing violations. The full text of the proposed amendment is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Planning & Zoning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT (Public Hearing continued from April 13, 2009).

The Public Hearing continued at 7:05 p.m. Voting members are E. Sharon, J. Adams, R. Kvederas, M. Trocchi, N. Anderson.

C. Grimord stated the legal warning was published for Section 4-6 in The Colchester Bulletin on May 8, 2009.

A Staff Memo dated May 12, 2009 was reviewed with the proposed regulation changes.

Chairman Sharon asked for those speaking in favor to come forward. No comments were received. E. Sharon then asked for those who would speak in opposition to come forward. Hearing no comments, Chairman Sharon asked the Commission if they had any questions. No questions.

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to close the Public Hearing.
Second by: M. Trocchi.
Vote: Unanimous.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

6. PENDING APPLICATIONS

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 Regulations and Section 4-6, to add new language regarding application for properties with existing violations. The full text of the proposed amendment is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Planning & Zoning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT (Public Hearing continued from April 13, 2009).

Motion by: J. Adams
to approve regulation changes as noted in the Staff Memo from C. Grimord dated May 12, 2009.
Second by: R. Kvederas.
Vote: Unanimous.

7. NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications have been received as of today.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Green/Hayward Avenue, trees Update for Discussion and possible action

The trees in question have been trimmed. Selectman Coyle has asked the First Selectman for information regarding the cost of underground utilities and whether stimulus money could be used for this project but has not received an answer to date.
E. Sharon will write a letter to the Selectmen requesting the information.

B. Colored School/ Grade 3 Walk for discussion and possible action.

The third grade class walking tour took place the first week of May. There were eight sessions of twelve students each over three days. N. Anderson, J. Adams and E. Sharon opened the schoolhouse and talked to the students.

C. Colored School – Repairs and Maintenance

The Schoolhouse was power washed and this past weekend the Boy Scouts painted the building. Carefree Buildings has done some repairs and will replace the doors to the building. The shutters have been removed for painting.

J. Adams stated she would like to see a Historic Day in Colchester with the Schoolhouse opened to the public with a tour based on the Third Grade Walking Tour.

Chairman Sharon attended a Commission Chair meeting and expressed concern that the Schoolhouse needed volunteers and maintenance that was beyond the budget and capabilities of this Commission. E. Sharon is meeting with Parks and Recreation Director Jay Cohen Thursday to discuss P&R or Facilities Director G. Plunkett taking over the upkeep of the building.

D. Handbook Revisions – Discussion and Possible Action

The Handbook will go on the website and C. Grimord will look into a press release regarding

the changes and availability of the Handbook. The article to be reviewed by the Chair and First Selectman before going to the newspaper.

E. Church Parking Meeting – Discussion and Possible Action

Chairman Sharon and J. Adams attended the meeting regarding the Federated Church's plans to reconstruct/relocate the parking area with landscaping in the rear and front of the church.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Clarification of FOI rules for attending other meetings – discussion and possible action

Chairman Sharon spoke with M. Caplet regarding attendance at other meetings requiring agendas and minutes. The State FOI was called for the clarification. Members from this Commission attending another meeting considering a project that may come before this Commission may attend, ask questions but must make it clear that they are not representing this Commission in any way.

B. Historical Map

J. Adams has contacted Copies Plus to copy the historical map owned by B. Glemboski. J. Adams is willing to pay the \$59 charge for copying, let the Historic District Commission use the map for the schoolhouse but it will remain her property. If anyone wants a copy of the map, contact Janice.

C. Fire House Grant

Selectman Coyle notified Chairman Sharon that the Firehouse Grant has been received. This is a second grant and the Commission was not aware of the second application. The first grant never received funding from the Bond Commission.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

11. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.

C. Grimord reported that NuNu's put up their new sign.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: R. Kvederas
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: N. Anderson

Vote: Unanimous.

Chairman Sharon adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk