



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, December 21, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Meeting held via ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ellen Sharon, Chair; Linda Akerman, Vice-Chair; Theresa Congdon, Robert Kverderas; Stanley Stefanowicz, Janice Adams (alternate), Lindsey Floyd (alternate), Janice Adams (alternate)

Board of Selectman Liaison: Denise Turner

Staff: Matthew Bordeaux, Planning Director

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Additions to Agenda – There were no additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of Previously Held Meeting: October 19, 2020 (Special Meeting)

Mr. Kverderas moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 2020.

Ms. Akerman seconded the motion. Ms. Akerman noted her name was misspelled under item #10. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Five Minute Session for Public: Ms. Sharon asked Mr. Bordeaux to provide an overview of the new application for improvements on the Town Green so that the public would have an opportunity to comment since the Agenda did not include the item listed as a public hearing.

Mr. Bordeaux described the project, the grant program, process and proposed improvements. The improvements consist of the improvement of the main path and in the installation of ancillary paths; the erection of a new bus shelter; the installation of lights, benches and trash receptacles; the replacement of the community events board; and the replacement of electrical utility shed located adjacent the gazebo. Mr. Bordeaux requested that improvements of the gazebo be considered as a follow-up to the current proposal.

Ms. Sharon opened the meeting to the public and requested that comments be directed toward each improvement in sequence. Public comments included an emphasis on the importance of regular maintenance, the poor condition of the main path; the possibility of reducing the number of benches. Mr. Andrew Norton conveyed the opinion of the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees. Mr. Greg Barden expressed the importance of the electrical outlets proposed to be installed in the base of the light posts to the various user groups and event participants on the Green throughout the year.

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The Commission also reviewed and commented on each proposed improvement in sequence. There was general favor for the proposed 4-sided light, renovation of the main path, and bus shelter. The Commission was generally opposed to the proposal for the new connecting path to Hayward Avenue as it would interrupt the green space between the ball field and the gazebo. The Commission requested additional information for the next meeting.

5. Public Hearings: None

6. New Applications:

A. Town Green Improvement Project – Certificate of Appropriateness (2020-02) – To implement the improvements of the Community Connectivity Program grant including renovation of the main path, erection of a new bus shelter and installation of new lights, benches and trash receptacles on the Town Green.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

A. 2021 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Congdon moved to approve the 2021 Meeting Calendar as drafted. Ms. Akerman seconded the motion. The calendar was approved unanimously.

B. Election of Officers

No new nominations were proposed. Mr. Kverderas moved to close the nominations. Mr. Stephanowicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Congdon moved to re-elect Ms. Sharon as Chair, Ms. Akerman as Vice-Chair, and Mr. Kverderas as Secretary. Mr. Stephanowicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Communications: None

10. Adjournment –

Ms. Congdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. Akerman.. The motion carried unanimously.