



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, July 13, 2020

5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: COLCHESTER TOWN GREEN

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

**Members Present:** Ellen Sharon, Chair; Linda Akerman, Vice-Chair; Teresa Congdon; Robert Kvederas  
**Members Absent:** Stanley Stefanowicz; Janice Adams  
**Board of Selectman Liaison:** Denise Turner  
**Staff:** Matthew Bordeaux, Planning Director; Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Additions to Agenda – There were no additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of Previously Held Meeting: Mr. Kvederas moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2019 and June 22, 2020, noting that reference in the June 22, 2020 minutes to approval of the November 18, 2020 minutes was erroneous as they were not acted upon at the special meeting. Ms. Congdon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Five Minute Session for Public: None
5. Public Hearings: None
6. New Applications: None
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business: Ms. Sharon explained to the Commission that the purpose of meeting was to discuss the specific improvements proposed as part of a Community Connectivity Grant Program project administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation. The project, referred to as the Colchester Town Green Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvement Project, was proposed to fund a series of improvements and acquisitions of park amenities. Mr. Bordeaux explained his intention to navigate the Town Green and view each of the proposed improvements one by one in order to get feedback from the Commission prior to making an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission.

The group viewed park benches, the main walking path, light posts, the location and rendering of a bus shelter, the concept of an additional path connecting to Hayward Avenue, and the gazebo.

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Members of the Commission and some members of the public in attendance questioned the need for the various improvements. Mr. Bordeaux responded with some of the reasons the proposed improvements would enhance the park and promote its historic character.

The group discussed the next steps. A Certificate of Appropriateness requires the Commission hold a public hearing prior to acting on an application. The Bacon Academy Board of Trustees also must provide permission for any improvements proposed in the southern portion of the park owned by the Trust. The Commission debated what order the approvals should come in and agreed that the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees approval should probably come first.

9. Communications: None
10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.