

# **Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

## **Regular Meeting**

Thursday, August 27, 2020

6:30 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Regina Starolis, Charles Roberts, Patrick Walsh, Kara Pedersen, and Christopher Dart

**Absent:** Alternate Member Melissa Briere

**Call to Order:** Presiding Chairman, Charles Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**Roll Call/ Seating of Alternates:** Roll call was taken. Present was Chairman Charles Roberts, Commissioners Regina Starolis, Kara Pedersen, Christopher Dart, and Patrick Walsh.

**Public Comment- Items not on the Agenda:** None

### **Public Hearing:**

- a) **To discuss and vote for proposed updated signs of the “entering/leaving Middle Haddam Historic District”:** Donna Roberts presented to the commission members. The signs for entering and leaving Middle Haddam Historic District needs to be updated since the existing signs are deteriorating, splitting, and cracking. This proposal was also brought up to the Historical Preservation Society in Connecticut. Mark from Sign Light would make weather resistant and weatherproof signs. The new proposed signs would be black and white with the spooner ship digitally added onto the signs. With the existing wooden signs had the ship picture hand drawn onto it and was blue in color. Margaret applied for a grant for this project and she went through the Middle Haddam Historic Association with approval from PSC. The design and lettering would be the same, except the color and the establish date will be added on the bottom of the spooner ship. The new signs will not be wood, but a more durable plastic with a real wood grain texture. The hooks will be reinforced in case of being stolen or during weather related occurrences. The Middle Haddam Historic Association will be pouring the cement and installing the 4x4 posts and signs. They will also remove any branches and/or plants in the way of the signs. Some signs are on private property, while others are on town owned property next to the roadways. Chairman Roberts recuses himself from voting and hands the meeting over to Commissioner Walsh to hold the voting. *A motion was made by Ms. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Dart, to accept the proposed signs as presented by Donna Roberts. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Commissioner Walsh handed the meeting back over to Chairman Roberts to finish the meeting.

## **Approval of minutes and motions**

- b) **September 26, 2019:** This has been tabled for the next meeting.
- c) **July 23, 2020:** *A motion was made by Mr. Dart, seconded Ms. Pedersen, to approve of the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Correspondence:** None

## **Reports**

d) **Expenditures:** None

e) **Other:** None

**New business:** None

**Unfinished business:** None

**Public remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Ms. Starolis, seconded by Ms. Pedersen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56PM. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk