



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Historic District Commission**

*William Childress, Chairman  
Barbara Harms, Vice Chair  
Alan Cantor, Secretary*

*Diane Aldi DePaola  
Laura Gray  
**Alternate Members**  
Richard Peters  
Paul Knierim  
Erin Sliva*

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
HYBRID MEETING  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room  
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook**

Public Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98163391842?pwd=YUJOVmNBVEtwNm8zT2hiT0Q3R1FTdz09>

Meeting ID: 981 6339 1842 Meeting Passcode: 302302

Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866

One Tap Mobile: <tel://9294362866,,98163391842#>

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, William Childress called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** William Childress, Chairman; Barbara Harms, Vice Chair; Alan Cantor, Secretary; Laura Gray (via Zoom); Erin Sliva

**Absent:** Diane Aldi DePaola; Richard Peters; Paul Knierim

**Staff:** Krista May, Recording Clerk

**III. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Minutes – December 19, 2023**

**MOTION** to approve the annual meeting minutes of December 19, 2023 as presented;  
**Made by:** B. Harms; **Seconded by:** A. Cantor; **In Favor:** W. Childress, B. Harms, A. Cantor, L. Gray, E. Sliva **Opposed:** None; **Abstained:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

**B. Correspondence**

Two items were presented: Membership renewal form from OS Historical Society and the OS Historical Society newsletter.

**C. Committee, Representative and Staff Reports**

None

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Discussion of historic preservation workshop with SHPO

Barbara spoke with representatives from SHPO. They are conducting workshops for Commissions and OS has offered to host a regional workshop. They will get back to Barbara with a date (March or April). The meeting could take place in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Town Hall and via Zoom. Barbara explained that this workshop is a discussion to hear about what other Commissions are doing and issues Commissions are dealing with, talk about use of materials, get recommendations from SHPO about solving challenges.

Barbara reported that there will be an update to the historical survey for buildings all over town. A grant will be written.

Alan spoke about a Walking Tour leaflet being created by the OS Historical Society. It will detail homes from the Train Station to Saybrook Point and there are already 200 homes on the list. The six-fold leaflet will feature QR codes that link to narrative about each individual home. The brochure will be ready for April.

##### B. Historic Ghost Sign Interpretive Sign – D. Aldi

William reported that Diane DePaola has resigned from Historic District Commission. If any Commission member has a name to fill the vacancy, please call William Childress.

Barbara reported that she has talked to the designer of the interpretive sign. After sending materials and written text, they will do the layout. Erin has pictures. A design will be created for approval. Erin showed a mock up on her laptop that she created. Barbara and Erin will get together to proceed with the project.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. § 1-200(6)(B): Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation (potential enforcement action).

William Childress recused himself from the Executive Session and left the meeting at 6:25pm. Laura Gray left the meeting by zoom at 6:25pm. The meeting was closed at 6:25pm for the Executive Session.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting of February 20, 2024 at 6:36pm until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00pm, Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Made by:** B. Harms; **Seconded by:** A. Cantor; **In Favor:** B. Harms, A. Cantor and E. Sliva. **Opposed:** None; **Abstained:** W. Childress **APPROVED:** 3-0-1

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
HYBRID MEETING

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**  
**Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room**  
**302 Main Street**

Check our website for dial in information  
and additional meeting documents.

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