

**TOWN OF CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING AND BUSINESS MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 23, 2012 IN THE SENIOR CENTER**

Jean Givens called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Members present were Warren Church (alternate, seated), Marvin Cox (HDC vice chair), Jean Givens (HDC chair), Kitty LeShay, Catherine Smith (alternate, seated) and William Muskett (applicant).

A. Public Hearing for a certificate of appropriateness filed by William Muskett at 103 Chaplin Street to replace loose stone of his front walkway with pavers. Givens read the legal notice published in the Willimantic Chronicle on April 13. William Muskett presented his plans to replace the loose stone of his walkway with pavers made of weathered artificial stone. He explained that the walkway would be grounded in six inches of gravel for stability and the stones would be bedded with silicate sand to both hold the stones in place and to drain properly. He observed that the loose stone of the walkway had deteriorated in the ten years he'd owned the house and that it is now hazardous. The pavers he proposes are two sizes, brick sized and half brick sized. It will be edged with narrower blocks. The color is a mottled neutral. The path will remain in its current location. Warren Church moved and Marvin Cox seconded a motion to close the hearing at 7:14.

B. Business meeting:

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of November 11, 2011. Marvin Cox moved, Cathy Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes. Unanimously approved

2. Discussion of the application by William Muskett: Commission members discussed the appropriateness of the materials vs. other options such as brick and which would appear more modern or out of place. There was some concern that the path would be very prominent. Warren Church called the question, Kitty LeShay seconded the motion. The application was unanimously approved.

3. New Business:

Chimney: Marvin Cox announced that on Thursday May 10 at 7pm in the Town Hall, the PZC will hold a public hearing on the fate of the chimney. Bob Mott remains interested in retaining the site, but he hopes to lease the space to a vendor who wants to put a seasonal hot dog stand and who wants Mott to remove the chimney. The site plan Mott has submitted has no chimney, but Marvin Cox is working on a plan in which the two would coexist. He has also made progress on locating funding for the renovations. Marvin Cox will not be able to attend the meeting on May 10 nor will Jean Givens; other members are encouraged to attend to represent these plans. Membership: Cathy Smith reported that John Meyer is considering resigning his seat. Discussion followed of promoting one of the current alternates to full membership as well as names of possible replacements.

4. Old Business: there was no old business

5. Correspondence: no correspondence.

Givens announced that the meeting formerly scheduled for May 1 will be canceled. Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean A. Givens

Chair, Chaplin HDC (