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**Historic District Commission Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
August 1, 2016 Durham Public Library**

Historic District Commission Chairman Mary Elizabeth Taylor called the public hearing to order at 7:04 pm.

Members present: Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Diana McCain, Ona McLaughlin, Mark Howard & George (Chip) Williams. Absent: Duncan Milne, Linda Bertelson, Gordon Wolfgang. All three alternates (McLaughlin, Howard, Williams) were seated.

Public comment: Bob Lyon, 73 Main, & Jackie & George Atkinson, Wagon Wheel Rd. in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: McLaughlin/McCain; unanimous.

Approval of June 6, 2016 minutes: McCain/Howard; unanimous.

Mary Elizabeth Taylor made the presentation for the Town Green Revitalization Committee showing a map of the plan and a photograph of the area as it looks now. New 2' x 2' pavers will tie together disparate stone areas and create a new seating area. Six rosewood granite benches will match the granite in the monument. The size of the monument area will increase by 4' on the sides & 2' on the end. Ona McLaughlin reported that the Durham Garden Club is funding the project.

Motion to close public hearing: McCain/Williams; unanimous.

Motion to open the meeting: McCain/ Howard; unanimous.

Motion to approve APCOA #408: McCain/ Howard; unanimous.

Chairman Taylor reported on a meeting on August 3 in Hartford to submit a Local Historic Property Nomination for the Thomas Lyman House, 105 Middlefield Rd. Taylor & McCain will attend.

Taylor reported that the State Archeologist will begin digging test pits on certain properties on Main St. looking for native american artifacts, a necessary step before the installation of new water lines in 2018.

Motion to approve the payment of legal notice bill: McLaughlin/Taylor; unanimous.

Discussion about Main Street addresses: the town changed the address numbers on Main St. when the 911 emergency alert system was adopted.

The old numbers did not fit the universally accepted numbering system used by first responders. The problem is that the old numbers are still shown in the data that was compiled by the Greater Middletown Preservation Trust on the houses in the Historic District, now posted on line. Those numbers should be updated.

Public Comment: Mary Elizabeth Taylor will get an HDC booklet to new homeowner Bob Lyon, who plans to do some work on an outbuilding. The Atkinsons expressed concern about the direction of the town noting that they want it to see it retain its rural character.

Adjournment: 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ona McLaughlin
Secretary pro tem

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