

**Historic District Commission Public Hearing & Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2016 Durham Public Library**

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Historic District Commission Chairman Mary Elizabeth Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

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

Public comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Milne/Howard; unanimous.

Approval of August 1, 2016 minutes: Howard/Milne; unanimous.

7:10 pm Public Hearing opened.

Apcoa # 409 - Neil Jones showed Certain-teed Landmark Architectural shingles, color hunter green, to replace asphalt shingles on 167 Main St. Discussion centered on whether the commission could forego an HDC application when changing from one type of asphalt shingle to an asphalt/fiberglass shingle.

7:18 pm Public hearing closed. Meeting re-opened. Taylor/McLaughlin

Motion to approve apcoa #409. Howard/Milne; unanimous.

Chairman Taylor presented members with a map with all of the corrected addresses in the Historic District. The map was prepared by the Mary Elizabeth Taylor by using existing maps in the town building department. and adding the house numbers. The building department now has the map on file and there should be no future errors in granting building permits within the district.

The chairman also reported on a meeting with First Selectman Laura Francis about the Emergency Services Complex project. Francis stated that the project is key to saving the two historic houses that are slated for re-use as a State Trooper headquarters and an Ambulance Corps headquarters. Taylor reiterated that the mission of the Historic District Commission is counter to any plan to tear down the houses. Regardless of the outcome of the project, the town cannot let the houses fall to "demolition by neglect."

HDC Budget - Chairman Taylor was advised that legal notice fees do not come out of the HDC budget. \$33.58 to Middletown Press approved. Duncan Milne was authorized to buy the materials to make some new HDC signs. He will donate his time. Taylor/Howard unanimous.

Taylor reported on seeing a QR code in a window in Newport and wondered if we could do something using QR codes to tell the history of some of our houses. McLaughlin noted that the Durham Garden Club has a detailed inventory of the trees the club has planted on Main St. and might add that to the stories.

Adjournment: 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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