HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
July 10th, 2025
Notice of this hearing was published in the Friday, July 4th, 2025, edition of the *Fairfield Citizen*.

Hearings were held at Sullivan Independence Hall in the first floor conference room and virtually beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairman Rosina Negron called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Rosina Negron, Commissioner Garych, Clerk Clark, Commissioner Gravanis, Commissioner Bohan, Commissioner Valente

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Reyman-Locke, Commissioner Accomando
Public Hearings:

Clerk Clark made a motion to amend the agenda:

2. Elliot Osgood & Christine Clement, 33 Spruce St, Southport, CT 06890. For property located at 33 Spruce St, Southport, CT 06890.

From:
a) Repair asphalt driveway by converting to unpaved with native stone (grits), natural light gray native color.
b) 3' apron to match material of driveway. Apron will be made of 6"x6" historic 'Barnum Cobblestone"
c) Ryerson steel edging

To:
a) Repair asphalt driveway by converting to unpaved with native stone (grits), natural light gray native color.
b) 18" apron as required by the Town of Fairfield Engineering Dept.

Commissioner Garych seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. **Christopher & Kristina Ahlberg, 229 Old Post Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824. For property located at 229 Old Post Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824.**

a) Demo existing garage and construct new garage with covered porch on side

Christopher Ahlberg presented on his own behalf. The garage is deteriorating and the homeowner is seeking to make the structure more useful, while preserving the aesthetic. The building will be made of wood with an asphalt roof. Commissioner Garych asked for the material of the garage door, Jason Raymond, the contractor, responded that the door is made of wood with a fiberglass substructure with a rubber base. Clark asked for the location of the lights, and

Raymond explained where they would be.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:24 p.m.

2. Elliot Osgood & Christine Clement, 33 Spruce St, Southport, CT 06890. For property located at 33 Spruce St, Southport, CT 06890.
a) Repair asphalt driveway by converting to unpaved with native stone (grits), natural light gray native color.
b) 18" apron as required by the Town of Fairfield Engineering Dept.

Christine Clement presented on her own behalf. She is seeking to pull up the unpaved asphalt and replace it with native crushed stone gravel, edged with riders and steel. There would be no cobblestone apron due to cost concerns. Garych asked if the apron would then be asphalt, and Clement confirmed. Commissioner Bohan noted that the sound of approaching cars was much improved with gravel.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:27 p.m.

3. Lee Baldwin, 207 Main St., Southport, CT 06890. For property located at 207 Main St., Southport, CT 06890.
a) New 2nd story addition

Jack Francen spoke on behalf of the homeowner. He is proposing a second story addition to the home. Due to the narrow width of the property, the addition will be in the rear of the house. This addition received ZBA approval. The addition will be 12' by 12'. Francen then went on to explain the materials used for the addition. Clark and Gravanis commented that the plans looked good.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:31 p.m.

4. Pierre Tarantelli, 46 Willow St., Southport, CT 06890. For property located at 46 Willow St., Southport, CT 06890.
a) Enclose existing screen porch
b) Remove existing wooden steps

Jack Francen spoke on behalf of the homeowners, who attended in person. The rear porch is partly visible from public roadways. It is being proposed to convert the porch to a year round habitable space. Francen then detailed the materials used in this conversion.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:37 p.m.

5. John Maxwell Soper & Berkley Bagne Soper, 1074 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890. For property located at , 1074 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890.
a) Remove picket fence and expose hedge

John Soper presented on his own behalf. Soper complimented the board, and Chairman Negron in particular, for making this process easy. He is seeking to replace a deteriorating fence with a picket fence and a hedgerow behind the fence. Clerk Clark noted that he didn't know of any neighbors with fences in that area.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:50 p.m.

Consideration of Public Hearing Items 1-5 above:

1. **Christopher & Kristina Ahlberg, 229 Old Post Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824. For property located at 229 Old Post Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824.**

Clerk Clark motioned to approve the application as presented. Commissioner Bohan seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

2. Elliot Osgood & Christine Clement, 33 Spruce St, Southport, CT 06890. For property located at 33 Spruce St, Southport, CT 06890.

Commissioner Bohan motioned to approve the application as presented. Commissioner Garych seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

3. Lee Baldwin, 207 Main St., Southport, CT 06890. For property located at 207 Main St., Southport, CT 06890.

Clerk Clark motioned to approve the application as presented. Commissioner Garych seconded the motion which was carried unanimously (Commissioner Bohan could note vote as he was not present during discussion).

4. Pierre Tarantelli, 46 Willow St., Southport, CT 06890. For property located at 46 Willow St., Southport, CT 06890.

Commissioner Garych motioned to approve the application as presented. Clerk Clark seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

5. John Maxwell Soper & Berkley Bagne Soper, 1074 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890. For property located at , 1074 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890.

Clerk Clark motioned to approve the application as presented. Commissioner Bohan seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes:

06/12/25 (Rosina Negrón, George Clark, Art Gravanis, Jim Accomando, Maura Garych, Greg Valente)

Commissioner Gravanis motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garych seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report:
Repairs
1. 174 Hubble Lane
2. 2829 Bronson Rd

Demolitions
1. 28 Country Road
2. 29 Suzanne Circle
3. 54 Timothy St
4. 57 Welch Terr
5. 336 Hunyadi Ave

Violations: None

Old Business:
1. Handbook update
The consultant has taken a break due to a late invoice causing no payment.
2. Storage container at Southport Train Station
Both the HDC and building dept. have reached out to the owners to not response. The container appears to have been removed.
3. 431 South Benson Road
No update has been received on the report from Preserve CT before the building is demolished.

New Business:
1. Right of way/Watershed in Southport Historic District
The Chairman has spoken with the Town Attorney who claims that part of the watershed is part of the Historic District.

Adjourn: *Clerk Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner Garych seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Carson
Recording Secretary