

Chaplin Historic District Commission

Minutes

Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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I. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates. Chairman W. Church called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were regular members P. Peifer, L. Ricklin, D. Field, W. Rose. Also present was Alternate member B. Kelleher. Alternate member M. Connor was absent.

II. Approval of September 9, 2025 Minutes. Mr. Rose moved to approve the minutes, Mrs. Ricklin seconded, motion passed unanimously. At this time Chairman Church recused himself from discussion of item IV. Fence at 127 Chaplin St. because he is the next door neighbor. He turned the meeting over to Vice-chairman Ricklin.

III. Audience for Citizens. None

IV. Fence at 127 Chaplin St. Mrs. Ricklin informed the members that Ms. Shali-Ogli, owner of 127 Chaplin St. has not responded to Mr. Church's request to submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the chain link fence she installed along the side and rear of her property. The fence is visible from the street. Mr. Church gave her a copy of the HDC regulations and she knows there is a process to follow in the District. Mr. Peifer said the HDC should send a certified letter requesting the application for C of A. Mr. Peifer reviewed the State Statute 7-147 A-K regarding historic districts but there was no mention of penalties. Mr. Rose brought up a Town ordinance about non-compliance penalties and thought Town Attorney O'Brien should be consulted to see if that applies in this case. The HDC was informed about posters Ms. Shali-Ogli put on her road side fence that told everyone she has cancer and pictured an email communication between Mrs. P. Church and Ms. Shali-Ogli that included a suggestion on how to mask the chain link fence and an offer of transportation to cancer treatments. Mrs. Field thought the screening and door on the porch was a bigger issue since it changed the appearance of the house itself. Mrs. Ricklin agreed that the District needs an acceptance to abide to the regulations and the HDC must pursue enforcement or lose the character and integrity of the District. Mr. Rose wants to make sure the penalty ordinance applies. He made a motion to authorize Mrs. Ricklin to contact Town Attorney O'Brien to get a definitive answer on the ordinance and to compose a letter requesting Ms. Shali-Ogli submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness by a certain date to the HDC to be sent certified mail to Ms. Shali-Ogli. Mrs. Field seconded the motion, W. Rose, D. Field, L. Ricklin and P. Peifer voted to approve, W. Church abstained.

V. Correspondence. Peggy Church presented printed copies of a photo of the poster that was attached to the fence at 127 Chaplin St. and the email conversation between Ms. Shali-Ogli and herself. Mrs. Field thought Ms. Shali-Ogli was rude and insulting to Mrs. Church in response to Mrs. Church's offers of help.

VI. Adjournment. Mrs. Field made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Rose seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Peifer- Recording clerk- HDC



I TOLD MY NEIGHBOR
I HAVE CANCER
THIS HER RESPONSE

Hi Peggy, I have
just been
diagnosed with
breast cancer. I
will be traveling
back and forth
to Texas for
treatment and really don't
wish to explain
any of this to
my historical
society. Please
convey

ME

Oh not I'm so
sorry to hear
this. I do have
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Plant a small
row of boxwood
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the hill. Easy
fix. It's not
strategic to
fuss with HDC.
5 acres are
required to
have livestock

PEGGY

unless a special
permit is issued
under "limited
farm" use.
Better to keep
the area as a farm. I
see the "other dry
very wet" area.
We were having
a problem with
the fence. Are they
allowed to have
livestock. Can baby
carries or
grill grates have
you named
them? They
are a lovely
addition

PEGGY

Hi Peggy, I
just heard of
your diagnosis.
I'm so sorry to
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PEGGY

You really want
to double
down. Ok. No
problem.

ME

Hi Peggy, I have just been diagnosed with breast cancer. I will be traveling back and forth to Dana Farber and really don't wish to explain any of this to the historical society. Please convey

Tuesday 9:10 PM

Oh no! I'm so sorry to hear this. I do have a simple suggestion. Plant a small row of boxwood at the top of the wall. Easy fix. It's not strategic to fuss with HDC. 5 acres are required to have livestock unless a special permit is issued under "limited farm". It's better to not create a fuss. I saw the sheep the other day, very exciting! We were having lunch on the deck. Are they allowed to have treats, like baby carrots or grapes? Have you named them? They are a lovely addition!

No grapes. I don't know if they will eat carrots

I'm an incorporated farm. Filed with the state btw

And no, 5 acres are not required. My lawyer checked.

You know Peggy I reached out to you as a woman. Rather than response as another woman you chose to be an ass. The HDC can kiss my ass. I'm truly disappointed in you.

The local regulations, revised 2022 are pretty clear, but perhaps are superseded by state law. I have no idea. I do support you as my neighbor. Boxwood would look lovely along the wall, so much nicer that the top of the fence, not for the village, but just for yourself.

You really want to double down. Ok. No problem.

Wednesday 12:46 PM

Are you all set with transportation to Boston?



Text Message

