

## **ARTICLE V. HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

### **Sec. 14-50. Establishment of district and commission.**

Pursuant to the enabling authority contained in sections 7-147a and 7-147c, the General Statutes, there is hereby established:

- (1) A historic district within the town, and
- (2) A historic district commission of five (5) members and three (3) alternates, who shall be electors of the town, and at least three (3) members of said commission and at least two (2) of the alternates to be residents of the so-called historic district, or historic districts, who shall be empowered to perform all the functions appointed to them by sections 7-147a through 7-147k of the General Statutes.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.01; Ord. of 3-13-63)

### **Sec. 14-51. Purpose.**

It is the intent of this article to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the town through the preservation and protection of buildings, places and districts of historic interest within the town, and to preserve and protect the many architectural phases of the oldest town in the state, which was settled in 1633.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.02; Ord. of 3-13-63)

### **Sec. 14-52. Historic district commission members and officers.**

The initial appointments of members of the commission and alternate members shall be made by the town council in such manner that the term of at least one member shall expire on the second Monday of October of each year. Prior to November first of each year the commission shall elect from its own number a chairperson, vice chairperson and clerk.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.08; Ord. of 3-13-63)

### **Sec. 14-53. Administration.**

The historic district commission shall administer the provisions of said statutes as implemented by this article within the limits of the appropriation made by town council. The clerical, technical and consulting services necessary to the work of the commission shall be provided by building inspector's office or such departments as the town manager may designate.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.03; Ord. of 3-13-63)

### **Sec. 14-54. Rules, regulations, orders.**

The commission may adopt rules of procedure, regulations and orders which it deems necessary to carry out the intent of said statutes and the intent expressed in this article.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.04; Ord. of 3-13-63)

**Sec. 14-55. Effect on land use regulations.**

All powers of the town planning and zoning commission and the town zoning board of appeals having to do with the use of land within the historic district shall not be impaired by this article.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.05; Ord. of 3-13-63)

**Sec. 14-56. District boundaries and name.**

The boundaries of the historic district shall be as follows: A strip of land, 250 feet wide on either side of Palisado Avenue, starting at Bissell Ferry Road, and running south along said Avenue to the Farmington River, together with a strip of land up to 250 feet wide on either side of North Meadow or Great Meadow Road from Palisado Green to the Farmington River and a strip of land 250 feet wide on either side of Pierson Lane for a distance of 500 feet from Palisado Avenue, which shall be designated as the Palisado Historic District.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.07; Ord. of 3-13-63)

**Sec. 14-57. Plan.**

The commission shall prepare a plan of appropriateness and protection for the historic district as a standard by which to determine the appropriateness of historic architectural features of any new building or of any modification of existing building within the district.

The plan shall include a list of paints, construction materials and architectural arrangements considered appropriate for the district, such list to be illustrative, but not necessarily comprehensive or extensive and to serve as a general guide for the information of persons contemplating work involving historic architectural features within the district.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.09; Ord. of 3-13-63)

**Sec. 14-58. Procedure.**

All work on any type of structure which would change the appearance of any property within the historic district when viewed from the street line shall not be begun until the property owner has filed an application with the building inspector and has received a certificate of appropriateness from historic district commission. No certificate of appropriateness need be obtained for ordinary maintenance and repair of structures within the historic district, which do not involve change of design, material, or outward appearance thereof. For the purposes of this article, the building inspector shall require the applicant to provide such information on those forms devised by historic district commission as may be adopted or modified from time to time by the commission. Prior to considering each application for a certificate of appropriateness, the commission shall set a date for a public hearing to be held within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the application. Notice of the time and place of said hearing shall be given by publication in the form of a legal advertisement appearing in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the municipality at least seven (7) days before such hearing. Within sixty (60) days of filing an application, the commission shall pass upon such application and shall give written notice of its decision to the applicant. Failure to act within the sixty (60) days

shall constitute approval of the application. All hearings and all meetings of the commission at which decisions are made shall be open to the public.

(Code 1961, § 13.17.06; Ord. of 3-13-63)

Sec. 14-59. Reserved.