

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 7, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Mitchell, Vaughn, Sarasin
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 12-01 – 219 Candlewood Road; Jason Kowalski, owner/applicant; Roof shingles. PIN #179020814540

Jason R. Kowalski, owner of 219 Candlewood Road, presented to the Commission regarding replacing his roof shingles. The hurricane last fall and some recent inclement weather have caused approximately 200 shingles to rip off the roof. He is proposing to remove the old roof completely and replace it with new Landmark Premium shingles in granite grey. He also wants to change from a 3-tab to an architectural style shingle. The Commission discussed the ridge vent and requested that it run all the way to the edge of the roof. It will look better and is more functional when attached in this way. Commission felt the shingle chosen will look more like a cedar shake and give the roof line more shape.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Shingle samples

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 12-01 – 219 Candlewood Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Sarasin, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1830.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Alton from Advanced Improvements, LLC, appeared before the Commission to propose the installation of two signs for the business located at 61 West Main Street. The property is owned by Chelsea Groton Bank. He is proposing a wall sign that will be approximately 4' x 5' and a hanging sign. Staff noted that the projecting sign can be 12 sq. ft. maximum. The Commission requested exact dimensions for a public hearing. They did express concern about the size of the wall sign. Additionally, the Commission requested a drawing showing the signs

on the building. Information about the bracket for the hanging sign is also necessary for the public hearing.

Amy Rubin, the owner of Amy's Barbershop, appeared before the Commission to propose signage for her new location at 3-R Water Street owned by Bank Square Realty Ltd. She is proposing a round free-standing sign in front of the building and a barber pole attached to the structure. The Commission requested photographs and dimensions for the public hearing.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted again that the Connecticut Trust is hosting Breakfast with Donovan on Friday, March 2 in Hartford. Commissioners Mitchell and Vaughn will attend.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF January 17, 2012

MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 17, 2012

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Staff shared his discussion with the Town Attorney regarding motions and clarified how to make a secondary motion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Kristin Vaughn resigned her position as Vice Chairman of the Historic District Commission.

MOTION: To nominate Michael Sarasin as Vice-Chairman of the Historic District Commission

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously.

Chairman Nado reported on a phone call he received from Lou Allen of the Mystic Historical Society. Allen is interested in adding signs in the downtown area to identify the commercial buildings in the district. Chairman Nado shared with Allen that there may be grant monies available for a project such as this and referred him to Michael Murphy, Director of OPDS.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. made by Vaughn, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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