

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 16, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Mitchell, Vaughn, Cole, Sarasin
Alternates Present: None
Staff: Quinn

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 10-02 – 84 High Street; Eleanor Wenderoth, owner/applicant; Siding & trim. PIN #261918303478 – Continued

Charles Wenderoth appeared before the Commission for the owner of 84 High Street. He is proposing to remove the existing siding and replace them with hardiplank siding. The siding will have a permanent color so the Commission will need to approve the color chosen. He has not made a decision on color and would like the Commission to approve a range of colors to choose from. The Commission was uncomfortable with that and requested the owner to come back for approval once a color was chosen. The Commission will grant approval for removal of the siding and the applicant will come back for color.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Brochure

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against.

Cameron Bortz spoke in favor of the application.

The public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

HDC 10-03 – 59 Pearl Street; Joanne & Robert Carnevale, owners/applicants; Exterior renovations. PIN #261914433119

Robert Carnevale, owner of 59 Pearl Street, appeared before the Commission regarding proposed changes he would like to make to the property. He presented a drawing that showed the changes which consist of removing a sidewall vent and thru-wall air conditioner, placing air handler units at the back of the building, a small modification to the rear roof and moving and replacing an existing window. The Commission felt the proposed changes were appropriate to the structure.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Drawing

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against.

Richard Carey owns property behind this house and inquired about the placement of the air handlers as they will be located near his patio. The Commission stated that they rule on esthetics and not if something makes noise.

The public hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

HDC 10-04 – 57 Pearl Street; Soogie LLC, owner; Steven Young, applicant; Doors, windows and trim. PIN #261914432170

Steven Young appeared before the Commission representing the owners of 57 Pearl Street. He reviewed drawings that showed the proposed modifications that include the relocation and replacement of some windows and doors and the addition of some trim. The Commission thought the changes would enhance the overall appearance of the building.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Drawings

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

HDC 10-05 – 0 Pearl Street (3 Pearl Street); Three Pearl Street LLC, owner; Spyros Barres, applicant; Awning. PIN #261918317086

The application was not present at the hearing.

The public hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 10-02 – 84 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with stipulations.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1726.

HDC 10-03 – 59 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1727.

HDC 10-04 – 57 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1728.

HDC 10-05 – 0 Pearl Street (3 Pearl Street)

MOTION: To continue the hearing to the next regularly scheduled public hearing.

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

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Cameron Bortz of Finest Kind Signs is looking to replace an existing property sign at 27 West Main Street. The Commission felt the new sign would be appropriate.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff presented a copy of the appointment letter for the new member Mike Sarasin. The Commission was happy to have a new member.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 2, 2010

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 2, 2010

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Staff stated the Town Attorney is still waiting to hear from the Court on the Desmarais appeal.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. made by Vaughn, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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Manager of Inspection Services