

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Somers, Brewer, Levenson  
Alternates Present:  
Absent: Everett, Brady, Moriarty  
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Vice Chairperson Somers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and sat Levenson for Moriarty.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

Motion made by Brewer, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously.

Brewer read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 17-03 – 11 Park Place; Edward & Diana Cassidy, owners; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Addition. PIN #261914426729

Architect Peter Springsteel presented to the Commission for Edward and Diana Cassidy owners of 11 Park Place. This proposal is to add a small addition to an existing L-shaped, 1-story wing of the house. The exterior will match all existing materials. Trim will be painted PVC and the siding will be cement fiberboard. The windows will be Eagle (an Andersen Company) with simulated divided lite.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Elevation drawings
- Site plan

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

HDC 17-04 – 1 West Main Street; Steamboat Wharf Company LLC, owner; Argia LLC, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918401742 0050

Amy Blumberg of Argia Cruises presented to the Commission to seek approval for a signage to be located at 1 West Main Street (aka 75 Steamboat Wharf) which is owned by Steamboat Wharf Company LLC. A double-sided, projecting sign will be bracketed from the corner of the building. The bracket will be consistent with other existing sign brackets on the street and affixed to the brick work with sleeve or tapcon fastenings. The bracket is wrought iron. The sign is marine plywood, edged and painted. The bottom of the sign will be approximately 10' above the sidewalk.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign specifications

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

HDC 17-05 – 39 West Main Street; Steamboat Wharf Company LLC, owner; Argia LLC, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918309893

Amy Blumberg of Argia Cruises presented to the Commission regarding a proposed sign at 39-41 West Main Street, owned by Steamboat Wharf Company. This is her office location which is also known as 12 Steamboat Wharf. She is planning to install a hanging sign using an existing bracket. The sign will be marine plywood, edged and painted. The bottom of the sign will be approximately 7'8" above the sidewalk.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign specifications

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

HDC 17-06 – 5 Water Street; Amfran Estates Inc, owner; Adam Young, applicant; Awning and signage. PIN #261918308613

Adam Young, owner of Sift Bakeshop, presented to the Commission to propose an awning on the front of the bakery plus additional signage. The bakery is located at 5 Water Street which is owned by Amfran Estates, Inc. He is proposing to install a Sunbrella-brand, retractable awning that is seafoam and white. It will be attached on the front of the shop only and will not cover the sidewalk. The sign will be comprised of 1' high x 19' letters are adhered to the north side of the building.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Site plan

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting closed at 7:23 p.m.

## II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 17-03 – 11 Park Place

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2087.

HDC 17-04 – 1 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brewer, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2088.

HDC 17-05 – 39 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brewer, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2089.

HDC 17-06 – 5 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2090.

### III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Andrew Acton appeared before the Commission representing Seamus O'Brien the owner of 15 Orchard Lane. He is proposing to repair and replace a deck that is in disrepair. The plan is to replace all the columns which are rotting, remove the existing concrete steps and replace with pressure treated, reinforce and straighten the porch joists, and add a new railing system. The railing will be similar to what currently exists. The pressure treated wood will be replaced with Cedar and pine columns will be replaced with PVC. The treads will be 2 x 6.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

### V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### 1. December 20, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 20, 2016, as written

The item was tabled to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum for approval.

#### 2. February 7, 2017

The item was tabled to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum for approval.

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Election of Officers – Table to the next meeting.

2. Commission and staff discussed charging applicants for Historic District Commission applications. The idea would be to cover the costs of FOIA required legal notifications in the newspaper.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. made by Brewer, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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NOT ACCEPTED