

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MARCH 3, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and sat Nault for Kimenker.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

Motion made by Moriarty seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously.

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 15-02 – 137 Noank Road; Laurence Potter, owner/applicant; Stainless steel chimney. PIN #261806391664

Larry Potter presented to the Commission regarding the installation of a stainless steel chimney pipe with rain cap at 137 Noank Road. The chimney pipe will be installed in the garage and protrude through the roof approximately 3' – 4'.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Chimney pipe spec sheet
- Plot plan

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

HDC 15-03 – 13 Water Street; Mystic Ledge Real Estate LLC, owner; Gregg Fedus, applicant; Addition. PIN #261918306235

Staff noted the applicant has requested a continuation in order to finalize design plans and exhibits for the public hearing.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:12 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 15-02 – 137 Noank Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Moriarty seconded by Nault, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1979

HDC 15-03 – 13 Water Street

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

Motion made by Moriarty seconded by Nault, so voted unanimously.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Annie Philbrick, manager of Bank Square Books and Andrea Frideman, of the Mystic Arts Center appeared before the Commission with a proposal to paint a mural on the brick alley wall of the bookstore. They have reached out to the owner of the building, Wayne Neff, who is in favor of the idea. The plan is for a collaborative community art project to make the alley look nicer. They are seeking a professional muralist to work with local art students to design and paint the mural.

Staff noted the question of Historic District Commission jurisdiction for this is a gray area; however, the Commission should probably issue some type of ruling short of approving the actual mural design itself. The Chairperson noted that other historic districts in the state may have encountered the same kind of proposal and doing some research on how those requests were handled might be helpful.

Larry Potter, owner of 137 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission regarding the installation of a shed on his property. He is proposing an 8' x 10' wooden shed with asphalt shingles and clapboards to match the house and garage. The shed will be butted up against the back of the existing garage and the roof pitch will match that of the garage. External stairs and a railing system will be added to provide a second access to the upper garage.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted a courtesy referral for a Zoning Commission application that encompasses assorted zoning regulation amendments. The referral is primarily for informational purposes. The Chairperson will scan the referral and distribute it to Commissioners via email.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 17, 2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 17, 2015.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. made by Brady, seconded by Nault, so voted unanimously.

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