

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MARCH 18, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Moriarty, Brady, Somers, Kimenker, Everett (7:04)
Alternates Present: Levenson, Brewer
Absent: Somers
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and sat Brewer for Somers and Levenson for Everett.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 14-04 – 137 Noank Road; Laurence & Nancy Potter, owners/applicants; Deck & shower enclosure. PIN #261806391664

Larry Potter, owner of 137 Noank Road, presented to the Commission regarding the addition of a deck to his home. The addition will also include a shower enclosure. The deck will have pressure treated wood for the joists and Ipe for the decking. The shower enclosure will be constructed from cedar and painted the same color as house.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photos
- Plot plan
- Construction sketch

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

HDC 14-05 – 154 Clift Street; Donna Zyry, owner; Norton Wheeler, applicant; Exterior renovations. PIN #261914323848

Norton Wheeler, of Mystic River Building Company, presented to the Commission for Donna Zyry owner of 154 Clift Street. The proposal is to replace the siding on the front of the house only and leave the side shingles. The siding will be HardiePlank cement clapboard. The color is not changing and the rest of the home will be repainted. The pediment head over the door will be removed and replaced with a pediment to match the window head trim. The front door will be replaced with the same style door.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photos
- Plot plan

- Property card
- Door cut sheet

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:14 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 14-04 – 137 Noank Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1922

HDC 14-05 – 154 Clift Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1923

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Michael and Wendy Hille, owners of 277 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission to discuss replacing the front steps on their home. The proposal is to use framed walls and tie them into the existing porch. The decking will be Ipe and a horizontal ship-lap design will be used for the framing. They also discussed a set of cement steps with a deteriorated metal railing reaching to street level. Staff noted that a railing must be in place because of the number of risers.

Larry Potter, of 137 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission to propose the removal of cement cinder blocks in the front of his home and replacing them with regular bricks.

Allyson Paquette, owner of Douglas Paquette Accessories, located at 40 West Main Street, appeared before the Commission for approval of a hanging sign. The sign will have a smooth surface and the existing bracket will be used for mounting.

Jim Roy, of 233 River Road, appeared before the Commission regarding the placement of a statue in the Bank Street Corner Parklet known as 0 West Main Street and owned by the Town of Groton. Roy is the Chairman of the John Kelly Memorial Fund and he has been working with a committee and the Town Council to place a life-size, bronze statue of John Kelly and his dog in the parklet. The height of the statue is approximately 7'. The plan is to locate the statue in the center of the parklet and mount a bronze plaque on the existing boulder. The Town Council has agreed to this unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 4, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 4, 2014.

Motion made by Kimenker, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Staff noted that several years ago a special permit was approved to turn an 8-unit apartment house at 15 Elm Street into a bed and breakfast. The current owner is now renovating the units into a B & B and is adding sprinklers to the entire building. The external fire escapes will no longer be required and he is seeking permission to remove the external fire escapes. Staff asked the Commission for input on whether or not an application for a certificate of appropriateness would be necessary.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., made by Kimenker, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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