

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MARCH 19, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Everett, Somers, Moriarty, Kimenker  
Alternates Present: Brady  
Absent: Brewer  
Staff: Vandenbosch, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Moriarty sat Brady as a voting member.

Brady read the call of the hearing.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 13-05 – 13 Water Street; Mystic Ledge Real Estate LLC, owner; Daniel Meiser, applicant; Install shed. PIN #261918306235

Seamus Moran presented to the Commission for Daniel Meiser owner of the Oyster Club Restaurant located at 13 Water Street, which is owned by Mystic Ledge Real Estate LLC. The applicant is proposing the installation of a 10' x 20' carriage shed for storage purposes. The addition of the storage shed will allow the restaurant to operate more effectively and efficiently. The shed will be on a slab on grade, have board and batten siding, no windows and a maximum ridge height of 10' 6". It will also have locking doors made of the same material and blend with the siding. The shed will meet the setback of 10'; however, there is ledge to the south of the existing decks where the structure will be located so it will be field fit based upon contours of the property. The shed is not visible from the street as the restaurant building obstructs the view. It may be seen from the Mystic Art Association parking lot which is a public way. The Commission asked the applicant if he had reached out to the Art Association regarding the shed but also acknowledged that the public hearing is the opportunity for abutters to express their concerns.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Elevation and location plan views

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

HDC 13-06 – 28 Water Street; Jon Arruda, owner/applicant; Addition & Renovations. PIN #261806394867

Jon Arruda owner of 28 Water Street presented to the Commission to propose an addition and renovations to his recently purchased house. He is planning to add a full front gable and a rear shed dormer. The exterior siding will be cedar clapboard with Azek trim. There is an off-set

front slab porch that will be removed and replaced with one that is centered on the structure. The existing concrete side porch will be rebuilt from wood. The footprint for both porches will remain the same. The porch plans will include cedar railing, Ipe decking and cedar lattice. The roofing material will be cedar shake. The eight over eight windows will be wood interior with clad exteriors; have simulated divided lites and adhered grids on the interior and exterior. Existing fencing on the south side of the property will be replaced with a 6' privacy fence and a picket fence in front will be replaced with a 48" cedar picket painted white.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Architectural drawings
- Photographs
- Material details

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:34 p.m.

## II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 13-05 – 13 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Somers, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1884.

HDC 13-06 – 28 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1885.

## III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

John Graziano, of Geometric Millwork Solutions appeared before the Commission for Beverly Steele owner of 7 Pearl Street. He is proposing to replace 6 deteriorated wooden front porch columns with fiberglass structural columns. He has discussed the project with building staff and is planning to add 2 additional columns for support. The caps will be rebuilt from wood.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

## V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 5, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 5, 2013.

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

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

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The Commission discussed the appointment of current alternates as regular members as well as anticipated new appointments to the Commission.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. made by Kimenker, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously.

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