

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

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

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Moriarty sat Brady for Kimenker.

Brady read the call of the hearing.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 13-07 – 19 Elm Street; Denise Armstrong, owner/applicant; Install shed. PIN #261918217142

Denise Armstrong, owner of 19 Elm Street, presented to the Commission to propose the installation of a shed on her property. The property is located at the corner of Elm Street and Burrows Street. The plan is to install an 8' x 12' shed at the corner of the yard behind the garage. It will be visible from Elm Street but will not be seen from Burrows Street. The applicant intends a wooden shed with wooden trim and shutters. The Commission was concerned that the style of shed presented was not typical for the neighborhood nor was it a very detailed structure while the house itself is very detailed and historic looking. Additionally, the Commission felt there was a lack of details about the materials from which it will be built. It was suggested that more photographs of the property and sheds in the neighborhood would be beneficial in making a determination. The applicant requested a continuance to gather more information to present to the Commission.

The public hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

HDC 13-08 – 7 Pearl Street; Beverly Steele, owner; John Graziano, applicant; Replace columns. PIN #261918318109

John Graziano presented to 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. There is a lot of weight on the columns and they are starting to fail. This is evidenced by a sag in the roof line. He has discussed the situation with building staff and four additional columns will be added in the center to help bear the load. The existing columns will be replicated and duplicated with a Tuscan cap and base. The columns will be tapered.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Elevation drawings
- Photographs

- Column and cap details

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:54 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 13-07 – 19 Elm Street

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

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

HDC 13-08 – 7 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1886.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Amy Rubin appeared before the Commission to propose additional signage for her business located at 3 Water Street. The property is owned by Bank Square Realty LTD. She is planning to open a spa for women at the current location in addition to her existing barber shop for men. She would like to add a sign for the new business. The plan is to keep it complimentary to the existing barber shop sign.

Wayne Dailey, owner of 245 High Street, appeared before the Commission to propose alterations to his house and the addition of a shed to the property. The house was built in 1899 and currently has a front pediment on the east elevation. It is in poor condition and needs to be repaired or replaced. He would like to replace the front pediment and also add a pediment to the rear of the house on the west elevation. Cedar will be used for the pediments and they will have an open design. The eave currently has cedar shingling. The applicant also wants to add a second floor window on the south elevation to provide more light in the house. The new window will be two over two and have permanently adhered interior and exterior muntons. It is an Anderson 400 Series vinyl clad window which will have trim to match the existing windows. In addition to the design changes the applicant would like to install an 8' x 12' shed on the property. The shed will be sided with white cedar shingles on two adjacent sides and board and batten on the opposite adjacent sides. It will have architectural asphalt shingles, a double door on one end with an additional single door, vinyl shutters, and one window.

Sally McGee, owner of 368 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission to propose the replacement of the front door on her house. She is currently refinishing a four panel solid oak door which she would like to use. The Commission requested a description and a photograph for the public hearing.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 19, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 19, 2013.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed a current project at 8 New London Road that was approved as a Greek revival-style building. Instead, the gable end has been framed and the cornice is shingled. The Commission was in favor of the project based on the idea that it would be a Greek revival. Staff will contact the owner to advise him that he must return to the HDC to request a change to the approved plan.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. made by Moriarty, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously.

Historic District Commission

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