

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
APRIL 19, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

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

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

I. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Richard and Sheila Wolfe, owners of 19 Gravel Street, appeared before the Commission to propose installing a fence on their property. They would like to place it along the driveway between the neighboring property at 17 Gravel Street. The fence would be white vinyl and start at approximately 3' going up to 6' high along the boundary. The plan is to end the fence about 20' before the street. They also plan to install a vinyl fence with a picket top in the back yard. This fence would be completely shielded from the public way by the garage and, therefore, not fall under HDC jurisdiction.

Cam Bortz, of Mystic Carved Signs, appeared before the Commission representing Wayne's Barber Shop located at 3 Pearl Street, which is owned by Three Pearl Street LLC. The applicant is proposing to install a sign on the corner of the building and an awning to match the awning on the shop next door.

Cam Bortz, of Mystic Carved Signs, appeared before the Commission to propose a sign at 23 West Main Street, which is owned by Jerome Properties I LLC. The applicant's client is Michael Valentino who is opening a shop where the former Coopersmith Shop was located. Bortz is refurbishing a hanging sign and fabricating a bracket which will be detailed for the public hearing. There is also a wall sign that will be black with gold leaf lettering.

Carol Rosenhaus appeared before the Commission to propose a sign at 40 West Main Street, which is owned by Jerome Properties I LLC. She is opening a store at the location formerly occupied by Douglas Paquette. The plan is to install an oval hanging sign and reuse the existing bracketry. It will be a painted wood sign with a grey background and white lettering.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. April 5, 2016

MOTION: Table the minutes of April 5, 2016

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

Staff noted that one copy of the draft 2016 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) was forwarded to the Commission for review and comment. Electronic copies are available on the Town website and Chairperson Moriarty will forward the link to all the Commissioners. The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for June 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM in Community Room 1 at the Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. made by Moriarty, seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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