

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MAY 1, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

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

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 18-15 – 77 High Street; Ronald Arbuckle, owner; James Joseph, applicant; Repair cupola. PIN #261918302339 – Continued

James Joseph presented to the Commission for Ronald Arbuckle owner of 77 High Street. He is proposing the restoration of the existing cupola. The plan is to repair all the rotted wood using Azek or pine where appropriate. He is also seeking approval to use Marvin windows to replace the current windows. The window dimensions will remain the same with muntin bars to match the existing ones. At this time, the access door will remain as is. The contractor also explained that the overhang is not symmetrical as it currently exists. In repairing the wood Joseph would prefer to not replicate it and is proposing to restore the overhang to its original configuration.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan
- Window detail

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

HDC 18-21 – 7B West Mystic Avenue; William & Mary Grace Sponn, owners/applicants; Fencing. PIN #261805292734

Mary Grace Sponn, owner of 7B West Mystic Avenue, presented to the Commission to propose a picket fence in the front yard and a split rail fence in the rear yard. The front picket fence will be made from cedar, which she plans to paint, and have 2 small gates. It will stand 36” high. The back yard fence is a locust split rail. It will have 2 rails with black wire fencing attached and 3 small, hinged gates. The back fence is only visible from Rowland Street.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Fence brochure
- Plot plan

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 18-15 – 77 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Certificate of Appropriateness #2153.

HDC 18-21 – 7B West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2154.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Phyllis Cappuccio and Lisa Cappuccio, owners of 292 High Street, appeared before the Commission to discuss installing a split system, air conditioning system in their home. They will have two condensers on the outside of the house with line sets. The compressors will sit on a fiberglass pad and have fences around them.

Bruce Vandal appeared before the Commission to discuss a modification to a previously approved application. St Marks Church, located at 11 Pearl Street, was granted a Certificate of Appropriateness for new granite entry stairs. Vandal explained that the rather than using stone fascia blocks mortared on the sides they are proposing to use a solid block granite face that will have a smooth surface. The existing railings will be reused.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. February 20, 2018

Approval of the February 20, 2018 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

2. March 20, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 20, 2018, as written

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Levenson, 3, 0, 1 (Somers). Motion passed.

3. April 3, 2018

Approval of the April 3, 2018 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

4. April 17 2018

Approval of the April 17, 2018 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission inquired about any feedback that has been received relative to the new form in use to guide homeowners and/or their agents through the application process. Staff noted the feedback has been positive.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. motion made by Somers, seconded by Everett.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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