

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

Members Present: Moriarty, Everett, Kimenker, Somers  
Alternates Present: Brewer, Ackerman, Brady (7:25 p.m.)  
Absent:  
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and sat Brewer as a voting member.

Moriarty read the call of the hearing.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 13-09 – 3 Water Street; Bank Square Realty LTD, owner; Amy Rubin, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918308790 – Continued

Amy Rubin owner of Salty Dog Barber and Shave presented to the Commission along with Cam Bortz of Finest Kind Signs. The applicant is planning to open a spa behind her barbershop located at 3 Water Street, owned by Bank Square Realty LTD, to be called Sassy Cat Spa of Mystic. She is proposing additional signage for the new business, which is allowed per Town of Groton Zoning Regulations. There will be a projecting sign installed where a previous sign was located. Additionally, she is proposing to relocate the existing front sign in order to add a second sign. The second sign will be the same size and shape but will have a red background. The existing Salty Dog sign has a blue background. The sign will be an aluminum/plastic composite to match the current sign.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Sign graphics
- Photographs

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

HDC 13-11 – 368 Noank Road; Sally McGee, owner/applicant; Replace door. PIN #261805271647 – Continued

The applicant is traveling and is not available to attend the hearing. A continuation is requested.

HDC 13-13 – 27 ½ Gravel Street; Michael Sarasin, owner/applicant; Install shutters. PIN #261918422097

Michael Sarasin, owner of 27 ½ Gravel Street, presented to the Commission to propose the installation of shutters on the cottage at the rear of his property. The applicant explained that there are three buildings on the property which include the main house, a guest cottage, and garage. The cottage is approximately 80' from the sidewalk at the front. The proposed shutters are to be wood composite or salvaged and approximately 15" wide. The idea is to add some charm to the structure with the addition of shutters rather than for any functional purpose. The cottage has ganged windows and the applicant plans to use a single shutter on either side of the windows. They will be similar to those on the main house. The Commission stated that the guidelines allow for functional shutters to be approved. The Commission also stated that the cottage is not highly visible currently and a recently approved fence will effectively block the view from the public way.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photograph
- Shutter details

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

HDC 13-14 – 2 Eldredge Street; Eldredge Street LLC, owner/applicant; Replace wood shingles with asphalt. PIN #261918425391

Robert Leeney presented to the Commission on behalf of Jane St. John and John Gegenheimer, owners of 2 Eldridge Street. The applicants are requesting permission to replace existing wooden roof shingles with an asphalt shingle. They have chosen to use Landmark Architectural Weathered Wood.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Shingle Brochure
- Sample Shingle

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m.

HDC 13-15 – 28 Water Street; Jon Arruda, owner/applicant; Modify COA #1885. PIN #261806394867

Jon Arruda, owner of 28 Water Street, presented to the Commission. The applicant is returning to request changes to a previous approval. The original application called for a cedar shingled roof. He is now proposing to use a JAF Brand architectural shingle called Shake Wood. With regard to the trim, the applicant originally proposed Azek but is now planning to use prime pine that will be painted. While discussing a change to windows approved for the back section it was determined that they are not visible from any street and, therefore, not under commission purview.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Architectural drawing

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:45 p.m.

## II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 13-09 – 3 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 #1890.

HDC 13-11 – 368 Noank Road

MOTION: To continue to next regularly scheduled public hearing.

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

HDC 13-13 – 27 ½ Gravel Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1891.

HDC 13-14 – 2 Eldredge Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Somers, seconded by Kimenker, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1892.

HDC 13-15 – 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 #1893.

## III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Peter Springsteel appeared before the Commission regarding 39 Steamboat Wharf, which is owned by Annette Laursen. He is proposing to extend an existing deck that is located near the boardwalk. The main living-level is on the second level of the subject condominium. The proposal is to extend the current deck out over the walkway. It will be approximately 40 sq. ft. Knee braces will support the deck. There are a number of decks that extend out in this particular area. The Laursen's have already gone to the condo homeowners association and received permission to move forward. The next step after the HDC will be to go before Planning and Zoning.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted a letter from the Town Clerk advising that Andrea Ackerman had been appointed as an alternate commission member.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 16, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 16, 2013.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission requested a status update on 8 New London Road. Staff has reviewed the drawings and found that the roof pitch was not indicated on the plans. However, Staff talked to the owner and the pitch of the roof will be changed and the shingles will be removed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Staff noted that the owners of 19 Gravel Street want to install an 8' x 12' shed behind their garage. The shed will not be seen from Gravel Street but it might be seen from Pearl Street. The subject property location is adjacent to 26 Pearl Street. The Commission members will drive past the location to determine if they have jurisdiction.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. made by Kimenker, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously.

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Historic District Commission

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