

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MAY 16, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and sat Levenson for Brewer.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 17-21 – 31 Water Street; Randall's Wharf Co LLC, owner; Laurie Finan, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918306046 00B1

Commissioner Brady recused himself explaining he has a conflict of interest. Abby Finan, of Shutter and sails Real estate, presented to the Commission. She is proposing a hanging sign that will hand from a new steel bracket. The sign will be made from plywood, have a white background, and painted navy lettering. The sign dimensions are 24" x 26" and hand on a 48" bracket.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Sign & bracket graphic
- Plot Plan
- Photographs

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

HDC 17-22 – 24 West Main Street; 24 West Main LLC, owner; Cheryl Robdau, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918412001

Chairperson Moriarty has a conflict of interest and recused herself in favor of Vice Chairperson Somers. Rod Desmarais, owner of 24 West Main Street, presented to the Commission. He is proposing an aluminum hanging sign that is bonded on ¾" material. The sign will hand from existing wooden bracketry.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign graphic and dimensions

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting closed at 7:22 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 17-21 – 31 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Somers, 3-0-1 (Brady). Motion passed. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2106.

HDC 17-22 – 24 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brady, seconded by Levenson, 3-0-1 (Moriarty). Motion passed. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2105.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Karl Gering, owner of 40 New London Road, appeared before the Commission to propose three elements he would like to add to his home. There are exposed basement stairs that he would like to protect from foul weather. The first element he is proposing is a lid to cover the stairs. It would be similar to a modern Bilco-style door but keeping with the historic timeframe of the house which is 1938. He is planning to build the cover with bead board sides and wooden doors. The second element would be at the rear of the house. He would like to build a second floor balcony. The balcony may not be visible from the public way; however, a small piece of the balcony may be still visible. The final element is a tool shed near the garage which is approximately 200' from the front of the property. The Commission recommended that the applicant bring a drawing of the shed he plans to build with dimensions, building materials, and streetscape photograph.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. May 2, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 2, 2017, as written

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

This item is postponed to the next meeting when more Commissioners are attending.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. made by Brady, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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