

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MAY 21, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Somers, Kimenker, Moriarty (7:03), Everett (7:04)
Alternates Present: Ackerman
Absent: Brewer, Brady
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Vice Chairperson Somers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and sat Ackerman as a voting member.

Somers read the call of the hearing.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Sally McGee, owner of 368 Noank Road, presented to the Commission to seek approval for a new front door on her home. The house is currently being remodeled and the new door is part of the renovation project. The proposed door is an authentic wood, glass panel, exterior door, which will be finished in some fashion. The glass panels will be clear.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photograph
- Door product details

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

HDC 13-16 – 39 Steamboat Wharf; Annette Laursen, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Deck extension. PIN #261918401742 0014

Garret Lord of North Stonington presented to the Commission for Peter Springsteel. The applicant is representing Annette Laursen, owner of 39 Steamboat Wharf. The proposal is to extend an existing deck on the second-level of the condominium. The addition will be approximately 40 sq. ft. and follow the same line as the board walk beneath. The width will remain the same. The plan is to use the same material and colors to match the existing deck. The deck is cantilevered and that will remain.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan
- Design details

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

HDC 13-17 – 233 High Street; Mark & Nanette Bancroft, owners/applicants; Replace windows. PIN #261918311934

Mark Bancroft presented to the Commission to propose the replacement of windows in his home at 233 High Street. The existing windows are approximately 117 years old. They leak and most don't open. Additionally, they are mismatched and some have storm windows while the rest are without them. The applicant plans to replace the front and north side windows now and leave the rear and south side windows to be replaced at a later time. The windows will be two over two; however, the south side windows will be one over one due to their size. The homeowner plans to leave the storm windows off which he feels will be more aesthetically pleasing. The proposed replacement window is a Harvey brand.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Window product details
- Sample window

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:23 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:23 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 13-11 – 368 Noank Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1894.

HDC 13-16 – 39 Steamboat Wharf

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1895.

HDC 13-17 – 233 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1896.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Eric Burns of Jerome Properties appeared before the Commission regarding 2 – 6 West Main Street currently housing Drawbridge Ice Cream and owned by Jerome Properties 2-6 LLC. They are proposing the addition of three down-lights on the eastern side of the building above the above the Drawbridge Ice Cream sign. The additional lighting will provide general lighting, brighten the public walkway on the side of the building and help to illuminate the sign. The Commission felt the lights to be period compatible and that it would also be advantageous to have additional lighting at that area.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted that referrals were forwarded from the Zoning Commission regarding special permit requirements and site plan objectives as well as for flood protection regulations. Staff explained that the new map panels must be called out.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 7, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 7, 2013.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Staff discussed 19 Gravel Street and the homeowners permit application to install a shed. Staff and Commissioners visited the property independently to determine if the shed will be visible from the public way. The homeowners do not believe that the shed will be visible. The Commission determined that the property owners will need to place the shed so that it is indeed unseen from any public way.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Moriarty disclosed that she has e-mailed Councilor Flax to inquire about the vacant regular member seat on the Commission.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. made by Kimenker, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously.

Historic District Commission

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