

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JUNE 3, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 14-21 – 36 West Main Street; Jerome Properties I LLC, owner; Allyson Paquette, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918319084

Eric Burns presented to the Commission for Allyson Paquette owner of Douglas Paquette Accessories which is located at 40 West Main Street. She is proposing additional signage for her store front in the rectangular area above the doorway. The sign will match an already approved hanging sign and will be made of composite wood with vinyl lettering.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign graphic

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

HDC 14-22 – 105 River Road; Leah Hartman, owner; Brian Kent, applicant; Retaining wall and fence. PIN #261914431612

Leeza Lathrop, of Kent and Frost Landscape Architects, presented to the Commission on behalf of Leah Hartman owner of 105 River Road. There is an existing driveway on the property which is 10' wide and will remain so; however, the applicant is proposing to improve the condition of the narrow drive by changing the grade from 12 to 6 percent. Belgian blocks will be used to create a driveway apron. The drive will end at the corner of the house where a natural stone retaining wall will be added. The applicant is also proposing a second parking space near the front door. A grass paver will be used that will retain the look of the existing lawn but will be hard so a car may be parked on it. Additionally, a white picket fence will be installed to screen the parking area and back yard. This proposal will provide a parking area under an existing deck that will essentially become a carport. The purpose is to utilize space as efficiently as possible.

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Site Plan
- Parcel detail

HDC 14-23 – 36 Pearl Street; Katherine Flanagan, owner/applicant; Replace fence. PIN #261918420194

Katherine Flanagan presented to the Commission to propose replacing an existing fence on her property. White picket fencing will be replaced in front of the house along Pearl Street. 6' aluminum black fencing is planned for the sides and back yard. The transition from picket to aluminum fence will be at the front corner of the house. All the posts will be pressure treated wood. The Commission was concerned about the lack of photographs and details about the fence.

The public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:41 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 14-21 – 36 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett seconded by Kimenker, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1939

HDC 14-22 – 105 River Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brady seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1940

HDC 14-23 – 36 Pearl Street

MOTION: To continue the hearing to the next regularly scheduled public hearing.

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

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS – None

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 20, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 20, 2014.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Staff noted he had received a request from the Committee for the John Kelley statue to change the original plaque approved by the HDC. The request is to reduce the size but place an additional plaque on the rear of the statue which will list the major donors. The Commission felt this request should be considered in a public hearing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., made by Moriarty, seconded by Kimenker, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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