

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
JULY 5, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and sat Levenson for Everett.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 16-29 – 14 Pearl Street; Joseph Murli, owner/applicant; New deck & barbeque. PIN #261918410376

Staff noted that the applicant has requested a continuance to the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

HDC 16-30 – 115 Library Street; Elliot & Kristin Clarke, owners/applicants; Install fence. PIN #261917201622

Staff noted that the applicant has requested a continuance.

HDC 16-31 – 26 West Main Street; Westward Properties LLC, owner; Kathryn Woodworth, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918411081

Kimberly Lalima and Kathryn Woodworth presented to the Commission to propose the addition of a sign at 26 West Main Street, which is owned by Westward Properties LLC. The applicants have a salon and spa located on the second floor of the building and feel their current window signage is not visible enough. They plan to add a hanging sign and bracket to the second floor corner of the building fronting on West Main Street. The sign is wooden with vinyl trim and lettering. Its dimensions are 2' x 3'. The Commission noted that if the dimensions are changed then the applicants will need to apply for another Certificate of Approval (COA).

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign graphic

Moriarty recessed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Chairperson Moriarty reopened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

The applicants described the new bracket for the Commission. They have decided on a wrought iron Torino Scroll Bracket similar to others currently being used in the Downtown area.

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

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:24 p.m.

## II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 16-29 – 14 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a continuance to the next regularly scheduled public hearing.

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

HDC 16-30 – 115 Library Street

MOTION: To grant a continuance to the next regularly scheduled public hearing.

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

HDC 16-31 – 26 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Somers, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2055.

## III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Betsy Eichholz, owner of 5 Rathbun Place, appeared before the Commission to propose the addition of ductless air conditioning in her home. This would require a condenser unit and refrigerant lineset on the front corner of the house. Details of the outside unit and placement on the house were discussed.

Bill Peowski, owner of 274 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission to discuss a number of projects he is considering. He requested permission to remove overgrown hedges at the front of his house. Alternatively, he is considering replacing the hedges with a 2-rail or 3-rail split-rail fence. The fence material would be yellow pine which would not be finished or rounded. The length and placement of the fencing was discussed. The Commission noted that foliage does not fall within their jurisdiction. The hedges may be removed and replanted at will. Commission members viewed the split-rail fence favorably. The applicant is also proposing the addition of skylights in the roof at the back of his house facing the river. The Commission noted that the river counts as a public way but the members were not opposed to the skylights. Finally, he would like to enclose a second floor open porch to make a 3-season room. He would enclose it with 4 glass sliders placed between the existing porch posts. He discussed

placement of the sliders and how to treat the porch posts and rail detail with the Commission.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. June 7, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 7, 2016, as written

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. made by Moriarty, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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