

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
JULY 18, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Brady, Moriarty, Brewer, Everett (seated at 7:08 p.m.)  
Alternates Present: Levenson  
Absent: Somers  
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and sat Levenson for Somers.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 17-27 – 1 Prospect Street; William C. Everett, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Handicap ramp. PIN #261917107179

Architect Peter Springsteel appeared before the Commission to represent the homeowner William Everett regarding a proposed handicap ramp at 1 Prospect Street. Everett is a Commission member; however, he was recused during his application presentation. Currently there is an existing landing platform with steps. The steps will be removed and then a handicap ramp added to the house. The ramp will be ipe wood and the railing posts will be cedar. Concrete piers will go into the ground.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot map
- Building elevation drawings

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 17-27 – 1 Prospect Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brewer seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2111.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Everett was seated at 7:08 p.m.

Architect Bill Bertsche appeared before the Commission to represent Patrick Pate the owner of 27 High Street. There are a number of small changes to the property being planned now and in the near future. The applicant is seeking Commission approval for

each of them at this time. There is an existing front porch that is rotting and will be rebuilt as it appears; however, he is proposing to add 18” on either side to make a better look for the house. It will be trimmed in Azek and the railing will match the railing on the back porch. A variance is also required in order for this addition to take place. A French door behind the porch will be replaced with a glass paneled door. The plan also includes the installation of a metal gate and wrought iron trellis.

William Alluzo appeared before the Commission regarding 281 High Street, which is owned by Dawn Colonna. The applicant is proposing covering the existing asbestos siding on the house with vinyl shakes and use Azek for the trim work. The plan also includes updating and replacing the stone veneer.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted that the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be holding a public workshop on July 19, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. at City Council Chambers in New London to seek input, information, and advice for the Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. The Plan will be a planning document addressing the treatment of historic and cultural resources in the State.

#### V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. June 20, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 20, 2017, as written

Motion made by Moriarty, seconded by Brady, 4, 0, 1 (Brewer). Motion passed.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

MOTION: To re-elect the current state of officers

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

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. made by Brady, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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