

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

Members Present: Moriarty, Brady, Brewer, Everett
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 Everett, seconded by Brewer, 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 – Continued

Neither the applicant nor a representative appeared for the public hearing.

HDC 16-37 – 13 Prospect Street; Delight Wolfe, owner; David Newell, applicant; Replace windows. PIN #261805198531

Delight Wolfe, owner of 13 Prospect Street, presented to the Commission to propose replacing 9 windows on her home. She was accompanied by David Newell a representative of Pella Windows. She has selected for replacement only the windows in the most used living areas of her house. The existing windows are wooden, two over two, some with muntins and some without. Each window will be replaced with a matching wooden interior/vinyl clad exterior window.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Photographs
- Window specs

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

HDC 16-38 – 274 Noank Road; William Peowski, owner/applicant; Modify COA #2057. PIN #261806286471

William Peowski, owner of 274 Noank Road, presented to the Commission to propose the modification of COA #2057 which was previously issued for a split rail fence. The applicant has decided to use a picket-style rail fence with 8' sections. The fence will be constructed from a PVC-type product painted white. The overall size of the fence will be 64' long.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Elevation drawing
- Fence brochure

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

HDC 16-39 – 19 Bank Street; Wendy Carr, owner/applicant; Replace windows. PIN #261918314474

Wendy Carr, owner of 19 Bank Street, presented to the Commission to propose the replacement of 20 windows on her house. The existing six over six windows are wooden and severely deteriorated. Her plan is to replace them with vinyl clad six over six windows. The applicant was not able to provide printed exhibits for the file and requested a continuance to the next meeting.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:21 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 16-29 – 14 Pearl Street

MOTION: To deny HDC application 16-29 without prejudice.

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

HDC 16-37 – 13 Prospect Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brady, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2061.

HDC 16-38 – 274 Noank Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2062.

HDC 16-39 – 19 Bank Street

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

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

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Wendy Carr, owner of 19 Bank Street, appeared before the Commission to propose re-siding her house with HardiePlank siding. She is also interested in

rebuilding a second story deck that is in severe disrepair. The deck will be the same size and style but she is considering a change to the railing system.

Rod Desmarais, owner of 24 West Main Street, appeared before the Commission to propose a small change to a previously approved exhaust chimney. An interior hood vent is being moved which necessitates a change in the location of the exhaust chimney to a more forward position on the building. He also proposed a multi-faceted change to approved second floor casement windows that will be more aesthetically pleasing but keep the number and size of the windows the same. Signage for the building was also discussed. Rather than using a wall sign, the applicant is considering painted lettering for the panels on the front face of the building. Staff noted that the current Town of Groton (TOG) Zoning Regulations do not allow for signs that are painted on a building. The Commission had questions about a previously discussed staircase on the side of the building. Desmarais noted that it is still contingent on the Central Hall modifications moving forward. The Commission determined that a new application will be required for approval of the proposed changes.

Melody Pere, who is opening Rise Restaurant at 10 Water Street owned by The Mystic Group at Mystic, appeared before the Commission to propose signage for her new business. She is planning to install a 31" x 37" wooden sign attached to an already existing wooden post. Staff noted that in addition to the hanging sign a wall sign is permissible per TOG Zoning Regulations.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. July 19, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 19, 2016, as written

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. made by Everett, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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