

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AUGUST 16, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

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

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Wendy Carr presented to the Commission to propose replacement of the existing windows in the house she owns at 19 Bank Street. The windows are six over six and will be replicated as is but with different materials. There are a total of 20 windows in the dwelling all of which will be replaced.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Window specs
- Plot plan sketch

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

HDC 16-40 – 19 Bank Street; Wendy Carr, owner/applicant; Replace siding & deck. PIN #261918314474

Wendy Carr, owner of 19 Bank Street, presented to the Commission to propose replacing the vinyl siding on her house and the replacement of an existing deck which is very much deteriorated. The siding will be replaced with HardiePlank cement board. The deck will be replaced using Azek and a Trex product.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan drawing
- Decking specs

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

HDC 16-41 – 24 West Main Street; 24 West Main LLC, owner; Rod Desmarais, applicant; Modify COA #2047. PIN #261918412001

Chairperson Moriarty recused herself for this application and appointed Commissioner Somers as Chairperson.

Rod Desmarais, owner of 24 West Main Street, presented to the Commission to request modifications to a previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). First, he is proposing to change the second-floor casement windows on the building to ones with a more aesthetically pleasing look. The windows will be the same product, style and size. The second change is needed because of design changes on the interior of the building. A rear exhaust chimney must be moved to accommodate the exhaust fan and will be seen from the public way.

The applicant also discussed signage options with the Commission. It was determined that a new application for signage must be submitted and advertised prior to a public hearing.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Elevation drawings

Somers asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

Somers deferred in favor of Moriarty.

HDC 16-42 – 261 High Street; Jeffrey Sargent, owner; Renewal by Andersen, applicant; Replace windows. PIN #261918321274

The applicant was not represented at the meeting.

HDC 16-43 – 10 Water Street; Mystic Group at Mystic LLC, owner; Melody Pere, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918306539

Melody Pere, owner of Rise Restaurant located at 10 Water Street, which is owned by Mystic Group at Mystic LLC, presented to the Commission to propose a hanging sign that she plans to mount on an existing post. As she is also allowed to have a wall sign per Town of Groton Zoning Regulations, she is planning to mount wooden planks on the building with painted lettering.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign graphics

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

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

## II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 16-39 – 19 Bank Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2063.

HDC 16-40 – 19 Bank Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2064.

HDC 16-41 – 24 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brady, seconded by Everett. Motion passed 4, 0 1(Moriarty). Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2065.

HDC 16-42 – 261 High Street

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

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

HDC 16-43 – 10 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2066.

## III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Rod Desmarais, owner of 24 West Main Street, appeared before the Commission to explain his plan to use lettering on his building rather than a painted sign. He is considering silhouette letters that would adhere to the three panels on the front of the building. The letters would be made from some type of composite material.

Mary Grace Spohn, owner of 7B West Mystic Avenue, appeared before the Commission to propose the replacement of the front door of her home. The existing door has 4 horizontal panels of glass but the house, which was built in 1954, also has lots of horizontal elements. She is proposing something different

for the replacement door. The Commission felt that the proposed door seemed more appropriate to the house than the existing one.

The new owner of 5 Pearl Street appeared before the Commission to propose a fence at the rear of his house which was previously owned by Philip Pavone. Based on the configuration of the house and garage the Commission's general consensus was that the fence will not be visible from a public way and jurisdiction does not apply. The Commission noted that in the event the fence is built and is actually visible from the public way an application would then be required.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. August 2, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 2, 2016, as written

Motion made by Moriarty, seconded by Everett. Motion passed 4, 0, 1 (Somers).

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.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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