

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

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

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 17-33 – 2 West Main Street; Jerome Properties 2-6 LLC, owner/Rod Desmarais, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918403999

Rod Desmarais, owner of Mystic Drawbridge Ice Cream Shop, presented to the Commission to propose signage for the building where his business is located. The ice cream shop is at 2-6 West Main Street which is owned by Jerome Properties 2-6 LLC. A sign was formerly painted on the east or river side of the building; however, Town of Groton Zoning Regulations no longer allows signs that are painted onto buildings. Therefore, the applicant is proposing the use of decal or some type of painted Azek lettering to replace the painted façade sign. The plan is for a smaller sign in the same location as the previous one.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign graphic

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

HDC 17-34 – 12 Pearl Street; Jonathan & Anne Henson, owners/applicants; Picket fence. PIN #261918410330

Anne Henson, owner of 12 Pearl Street, presented to Commission regarding fencing for her property. She noted that a Certificate of Appropriateness had been issued for a picket fence previously but it is currently expired. For this application they are requesting a picket fence that is slightly taller and changing its location on the property. The proposed 4' high picket fence will be placed along the western and northern property line. Additionally, along the eastern and southern property line, where privet hedges are located, she is proposing a 3' grow-through fence. This type of fencing is a fairly open green wire fence that

will be set into the hedge. A 6' double gate will be placed at the parking and walkway. It will be a stained, cedar fence with spaced pickets.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan

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

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 17-33 – 2 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brewer seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2117.

HDC 17-34 – 12 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2118.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS – None

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. August 15, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 15, 2017, as written

Motion made by Brewer, seconded by Levenson, 3, 0, 1 (Moriarty). Motion passed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission briefly discussed the HDC Historic Preservation Brochure. Staff noted it was created by the Office of Planning and Development Services as a general information resource for homeowners new to the district or unaware that the district was in existence.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. made by Brady, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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