

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Moriarty, Brady, Everett
Alternates Present: Levenson
Absent: Brewer, 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 Levenson, so voted unanimously.

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Steven Martin, of Renewal by Andersen, presented to the Commission for Jeffrey Sargent owner of 261 High Street. This proposal is for the replacement of 8 windows on the east side of the dwelling which is the front of the house. Stylistically, the replacement windows will match the existing ones which are wooden, double-hung with storms. The new windows will be made from a wood-based composite with a black exterior and white interior. One additional bathroom window will be replaced at the rear of the house. These are full inserts with window sizes to remain the same.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Andersen window brochure
- Photograph

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

HDC 16-44 – 24 West Main Street; 24 West Main LLC, owner; Rod Desmarais, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918412001

Chairperson Moriarty appointed Brady as Chairperson and recused herself for this application.

Rod Desmarais, owner of 24 West Main Street, presented to the Commission to propose using fabricated letters mounted on the building in lieu of traditional signage. He submitted a drawing to show how the letters will look when mounted. The material is aluminum, the color is black, and the size is 12”

tall x 1" thick per letter. Total area of wall surface covered will be 14.9 sq. ft. which is allowed per Town of Groton Zoning Regulations.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Narrative specifications
- Graphic drawing

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

Brady reappointed Moriarty as Chairperson.

HDC 16-45 – 7B West Mystic Avenue; Mary Grace Sponn, owner/applicant; Replace front door. PIN #261805292734

Mary Grace Sponn, owner of 7B West Mystic Avenue, presented to the Commission with a proposal to install a new front door on her home. She is of the belief that the existing door is not original to house. There are many simple, horizontal elements to the house and her door of choice has the same features. The door material is fur and she intends to paint it.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Door samples

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

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:17 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 16-42 – 261 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2067.

Moriarty reappointed Brady as Chairperson and recused herself from deliberation for this application.

HDC 16-44 – 24 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2069.

Brady reappointed Moriarty as Chairperson.

HDC 16-45 - 7B West Mystic Avenue

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2068.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Newel Sly, owner of 16 ½ West Mystic Avenue, appeared before the Commission to propose the installation of a generator on the side of his home which is located on the corner of West Mystic Avenue and Thomas Street. The generator will have shrubbery surrounding it and sit on a base of gravel in a wooden frame. Propane tanks will be installed at the rear of the house. The generator and the tanks will be visible from Thomas Street.

Victor and Susan DiPaglia, owners of 43 Pearl Street, appeared before the Commission to propose the installation of a shed to replace an existing one that is quite deteriorated. They plan to use a prebuilt Kloter Farm shed that will be red with flower boxes. It will be the same width as the garage and as original shed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. August 16, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 16, 2016, as written

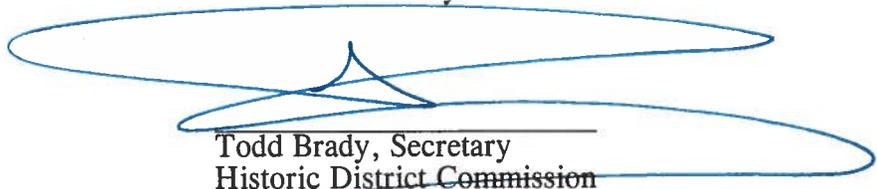
Motion made by Everett, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. made by Brady, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.



Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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