

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 17-35 – 26 West Main Street; 26 West Main LLC; owner/applicant;
Replace condensers. PIN #261918411081

Rick Kollmeyer, owner of 26 West Main Street, presented to the Commission to propose the replacement of exterior Gibson HVAC equipment. One of two Gibson models will be switched out with a Fujitsu split system. The line set will be run on the side of the building between #24 and the subject property. It will only be visible from the front in one small area. The second Gibson will be retained to provide air conditioning to the second floor business.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Product specs

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 17-35 – 26 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Moriarty seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2119.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Brian Ferguson, owner of 9 Park Place and his contractor Chris Fontaine, appeared before the Commission to propose replacement of an existing front porch which has rotted away from the structure. The idea is to add a second floor

balcony while the porch is being rebuilt. Based on feedback from a previous pre-application meeting the applicants have reworked the plan. Ferguson is now considering enclosing the bottom porch and remodeling to provide additional living space. The applicants provided photo-shopped pictures for review. Options were discussed as well as the symmetry of current and proposed windows and doors.

William & Whitney Goetz, owners of 45 Pearl Street, appeared before the Commission to propose replacing windows in the gable end of their home. They are remodeling a kitchen and the plan is to center and move the windows together because of interior needs for cooking and venting. The existing windows are single lites that will be replaced by six over six to match the rest of the house.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Rick Kollmeyer addressed the Commission to discuss spearheading a volunteer effort to clean up a public access area in downtown Mystic. The subject location is behind the Town of Groton Pump House on Gravel Street. Staff noted that the parking lot has been leased for the new building being constructed at 18 West Main Street by Historic Mystic LLC. The public access will remain; however, as part of the lease agreement the owners are responsible to repave, stripe, and clean up the area.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. September 5, 2017

This item is postponed to the next meeting due to lack of quorum to approve.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission cancelled the regularly scheduled October 3, 2017 meeting due to staff being unavailable to attend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. made by Brady, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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