

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

Acting Chairperson Brady called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 16-46 – 16½ West Mystic Avenue; Newell Sly Trust, owner/applicant;  
Generator & propane tanks. PIN #261805280898

Newell Sly, 16 ½ West Mystic Avenue, presented his application for a generator and propane tanks. Mr. Sly explained the location of his home and provided photos. The location and size of the generator was explained. The propane tanks will be located in the back, five feet from house. The generator and propane tanks will be visible from Thomas Street. All specifications and distances conform to requirements.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Generator specifications

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

HDC 16-47 – 43 Pearl Street; Victor & Susan DiPaglia, owners/applicants;  
Replace shed. PIN #261914420593

Victor and Susan DiPaglia presented their application to replace an existing shed. The garage will remain and the new shed will be in the same location as the original shed. The shed will be constructed of wood and painted red.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs

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

HDC 16-48 – 15 Water Street; Mystic Art Association Inc., owner/applicant; Signage. PIN #261918306108

James Kaczman, Mystic Museum of Art presented his application for new signage. The name of the museum has been changed to Mystic Museum of Art. They propose a new sign with the new name and a different the lettering style.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Sign graphics

Brady stated that he is a director of the museum and recused himself from the hearing. There was no quorum, and the hearing was continued.

MOTION: To continue the application to the next regularly scheduled public hearing.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Brewer. Motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m.

## II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 16-46 – 16½ West Mystic Avenue

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brewer, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2070.

HDC 16-47 – 43 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2071.

HDC 16-48 – 15 Water Street

The public hearing was continued to the next meeting on October 4, 2016.

## III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Bill Bertsche, Mercer & Bertsche Architecture, representing the owners of 27 High Street, appeared before the Commission to propose the installation of a shed dormer on the back of the house. Bertsche provided architectural drawings. He explained that the dormer cannot be seen from the street, and there are no streets with a view to the back of the house. The Commission concurred that they had no jurisdiction over this structure.

Peter Springsteel, Architect, representing the owners of Unit 15, 17 Randall's Wharf, appeared before the Commission to propose the removal of the existing sliding glass door and installing a 6 ft. sliding door making it one foot wider. Each side of the window would be increased by about six inches. The door would be centered under the window on the floor above, and slightly larger. He presented pictures detailing the front of the building. The new sliding glass door would be dark colored metal.

Brady stated that he is the President of Randall's Wharf Condominium Association and recused himself from the discussion.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff reported that on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Freedom of Information workshop at the Town Hall Annex. Tom Hennick from the State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission will be the presenter.

Brewer stated that she will not be at the next meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. September 6, 2016 – No quorum

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. made by Everett, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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