

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Moriarty, Kimenker, Brady, Somers (7:05), Everett (7:23)
Alternates Present: Ackerman, Brewer, Levenson
Absent:
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and sat Ackerman for Somers and Brewer for Everett

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 13-31 – 360 Noank Road; Tom & Carolyn Tetlow, owners/applicants; Replace shed.
PIN #261805271792

Carolyn Tetlow, owner of 360 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission to propose replacing an existing canvas shed with one made of T-111 plywood. There is currently an existing T-111 shed attached to the house. The proposed shed color will match the existing attached shed. The Commission felt that the choice of siding material was one which they might not typically approve; however, since a structure of like material was already situated on the subject property they were more inclined to look at it favorably.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan
- Shed brochure

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

HDC 13-32 – 42 New London Road; Kevin Martin, owner; Auralee Wells/applicant; Fence.
PIN #261917105317

Auralee Wells, appeared before the Commission for Kevin Martin owner of 42 New London Road. The property suffered some landscape damage during the last storm and lost a number of trees. Rather than replacing the trees the homeowner is hoping to improve the curb appeal of the property by adding a gated fence. The proposed fence is 5' x 10' white, interstate vinyl with New England caps. The Commission was concerned with the proposed fencing material and was not inclined to vote favorably without seeing a sample. The applicant requested a recess in order to confer with her client.

The public hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

The homeowner is willing to change the fencing material to wood and is confident that one can be built as depicted in the submitted brochure.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Fence sample brochure

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:32 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 13-31 – 360 Noank Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1909

HDC 13-32 – 42 New London Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1910

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

George Brys, owner of 2 Godfrey Street, appeared before the Commission to propose adding a vinyl ranch rail fence on his property. The 2-rail fence will be white vinyl, approximately 3' in height x 48' long. The applicant's house has clapboard siding. The Commission would prefer to see a sample of the fence at the public hearing. Additionally, the Commission requested street scene photographs as well as a photograph showing the height of the fence in relation to the stone wall on the property.

Ed Quinlan, Vice President and Kathy Ivey, President, of the Center Groton Fire District appeared before the Commission regarding the demolition of the former fire house located at 163 Candlewood Road. The station has not been used to house fire apparatus since the 1980's when the new fire house was constructed. The structure was originally relocated from the Poquonnock Bridge area in the 1940's. It is in extremely poor condition and has lead and asbestos that requires abatement in addition to other hazards to the community. Demolishing this old and unused station house will allow the department to move forward with plans for additional construction and site plan improvements.

Commissioner Kimenker requested the Commission's opinion regarding two driveways on his property that are larger than 11' wide and fall under HDC jurisdiction. The subject property is located at 31 Gravel Street and is owned by his wife Jennifer Kimenker. The driveways have paver stones that are cracked and require repair. He is seeking to repave the driveways with paver stones that are slightly different and asked the Commission if the change would rise to

the level of a public hearing. The Commission suggested that he submit an application for a COA.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 17, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 17, 2013.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:53. made by Brady, seconded by Brewer so voted unanimously.

Historic District Commission

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