

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Gilly, Vaughn, Cole
Alternates Present: None
Staff: Vandenbosch, Galetta

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 09-37 – 42 Clift Street; Michael Glasfeld & Kristin Vaughn-Glasfeld, owners; Kristin Vaughn, applicant; Install fence. PIN #261918329126 – Continued

Staff stated that this application is withdrawn per letter received 11-17-09

HDC 09-41 – 42 Clift Street; Michael Glasfeld & Kristin Vaughn-Glasfeld, owners; Kristin Vaughn, applicant; Bluestone cap. PIN #261918329126 – Continued

Staff stated that this application is withdrawn per letter received 11-17-09

HDC 09-43 – 18 West Main Street; Poker Flats LLC, owner; Rod Desmarais, applicant; Bollards, lights, handicap ramp and stairs. PIN #261918412081

Rod Desmarais appeared before the Commission on behalf of Historic Mystic, LLC regarding site plan elements requiring Historic District approval. Fifteen additional bollards are required per the site plan. Since the bollards will be adjacent to and part of the existing bollards in the parking lot area, they will be made of granite to match. There will be 10 lamps attached to the building itself for exterior lighting. The model being proposed is a Seascape lamp which will look utilitarian and appropriate for a waterfront building. There will be a handicap ramp from the public walkway to the parking lot at the pump station. It will be designed to match the railing system on the public walkway using stainless steel wires supported by cedar. The layout will be to code as dictated in the site plan.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Site Plan
- Drawings

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.

HDC 09-44 – 59 Pearl Street; Louise M. Smith Estate, owner; Susan S. Keach, applicant; Stonewall and picket fence. PIN #261914433119

Staff stated that this application is withdrawn per letter received 11-17-09

HDC 09-45 – 7 Gravel Street; GRVL LLC, owner; Robert Robotham, applicant; Windows. PIN #261918411233

Bob Robotham and Mike Robotham of Crossroads Builders, LLC presented to the Commission for GRVL, LLC owners of 7 Gravel Street. The proposal is for the installation of windows on the north elevation. The windows will be Andersen Stormwatch series with hurricane impact glass. They will be vinyl clad with wooden casings and a traditional sill. The windows are double hung with no dividers and they will mirror the existing windows.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Architectural drawing

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

HDC 09-46 – 208 High Street; Jonathan & Ann Rodgers, owners/applicants; Bulkhead door and windows. PIN #261918314766

Jonathan Rodgers, owner of 208 High Street, presented to the Commission regarding a bulkhead door. He is not applying for basement windows with this application. The proposal is to install a Bilco bulkhead door.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Bilco door specifications
- Architectural drawing

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 09-37 – 42 Clift Street

Application withdrawn – no action required

HDC 09-41 – 42 Clift Street

Application withdrawn – no action required

HDC 09-43 – 18 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1718

HDC 09-44 – 59 Pearl Street

Application withdrawn – no action required

HDC 09-45 – 7 Gravel Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1719

HDC 09-46 – 208 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Gilly, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1720

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Jonathan Rodgers, owner of 208 High Street, appeared before the Commission regarding a change in the trim detail on a previously approved single family dwelling. The Commission felt that the proposed change would be appropriate to the structure.

Michael McLaughlin appeared before the Commission for Mark Densmore the owner of 1 Water Street. He is currently removing the aluminum siding on the east and south side of the building and replacing it with cedar clapboard. The owner would like to continue the project and remove the siding on the remainder of the building and replace it with clapboard. The trim on the building will be repaired rather than replaced. The applicant is also proposing to replace the windows in the front of the building on the second floor and along the north side. The lower façade will not be addressed at this time. The proposed windows are Brosco, six over six. They will be mulled units with a transom over the top. The Commission is not in favor of replacing the windows in the front of the building.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 20, 2009

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 20, 2009

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. made by Gilly, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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