

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 1, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

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

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Brady read the call of the hearing.

#### I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 15-41 – 5 Grove Avenue; Anne Esposito & Ken Soeder, owners; Rick Staub, applicant; New single family dwelling. PIN #261914420648

Staff noted that the applicants have requested a continuance.

HDC 15-42 – 9 Ashby Street; Stambaugh Realty LLC, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Entrance Canopy, shed & fence. PIN #261806299569

Architect Peter Springsteel presented to the Commission for the owners of 9 Ashby Street, John and Jane Stambaugh. Part of this proposal is a shed that is called out on the plot plan but is not visible from the public way or from neighboring Orchard Street. A canopy entrance, which is an extension of the roof over the doorway, will be added on the side of the building and will be visible from the public way. They will take some roof brackets and move them out onto the projection and add one additional larger bracket to support the canopy. The plan also includes replacing an existing wooden door with a Therma-tru Fiberglass door that will be painted. Finally, they are proposing to replace metal fencing along the walkway with wooden fencing to match existing wooden fencing in other areas of the yard.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Architectural drawing
- Photographs
- Elevation drawings

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

#### II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 15-41 – 5 Grove Avenue

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

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

HDC 15-42 – 9 Ashby Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2017

### III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Robert Burke appeared before the Commission representing Chelsea Groton Bank owner of 2 Water Street. He is proposing additional directional signage for the parking lot. The posts will be a painted aluminum that looks like a four by four. Placement of the signage will match existing signs placed at the 4 West Main Street entrance.

Steve Porier, of The Nasi Group, and homeowner Keli Levine appeared before the Commission to discuss 4 West Mystic Avenue. The home was recently purchased and will be undergoing renovations soon. In the meantime, the homeowner is looking for approval of 2 air handlers that will be placed on the rear exterior of the house where they will be visible from Wilbur Street. They will be placed on a platform approximately 6' high. Additionally, a line will run up the house but will be hidden from view.

Kate Flanagan, owner of 36 Pearl Street, and Architect Julia Leeming appeared before the Commission to propose replacing an existing exterior door with a six over six, double-hung window and changing 2 windows to sliding patio doors. A Marvin Integrity true divided light product will be used. The stoop will be removed and replaced with a larger one using bluestone material to match the existing. It will remain on-grade. Exterior windows will be fiberglass exterior with wooden interior.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted the receipt of a letter from Town Clerk, Betsy Moukawsher, stating that Donna Brewer has been appointed as a regular Commission member.

### V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 18, 2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 18, 2015, as written.

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

### VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

### VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. made by Brady, seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously.

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Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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