

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Mitchell, Cole
Alternates Present: None
Staff: Vandenbosch, Galetta

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 08-56 – 202 High Street; Dana & Richard Semeraro, owners/applicants; Add window. PIN #261918313658

Dana and Richard Semeraro, owners of 202 High Street, appeared before the Commission regarding adding a second floor window in the rear of the house. The new window will match existing ones and have a detachable grill.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Picture
- Architectural drawings

HDC 08-57 – 3 Thomas Street; Alexandros Makriyannis and Carolyn Clayton, owners; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Exterior renovations. PIN #261805189780

Carolyn Clayton, owner of 3 Thomas Street, appeared before the Commission and requested a continuance.

HDC 08-58 – 17 Pearl Street; Anthony and Susan Dinoto, owners; David Smith, applicant; Replacement windows. PIN #261918319517

Dave Smith appeared before the Commission for Anthony and Susan Dinoto owners of 17 Pearl Street. They would like to put replacement windows in the front and on the sides of the Dinoto Funeral Home using a Harvey replacement window. Currently the structure has the original windows which are two over two. There are some wooden and some aluminum storm windows. They plan to remove the storm windows completely and paint the sills. The Commission had concerns about replacing windows that were original to the structure. Photographs of all the viewable sides of the building were requested.

Chairman Nado closed the public hearings at 7: 30 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 08-56 – 202 High Street

The Commission felt that a stipulation should be made regarding the muntins.

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with stipulations. (New six over six window will have permanent adhered muntins on the exterior)

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1681

HDC 08-57 – 3 Thomas Street

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

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

HDC 08-58 – 17 Pearl Street

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

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

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Charles Perini, owner of 168 High Street, appeared before the Commission regarding a request to place two, temporary 100-gallon propane gas tanks on the property. The tanks will be in place for longer than 30 days. The Commission requested a definite timeframe and an expected removal date along with dimensions of the tanks for the public hearing.

Eric Burns and Rod Desmarais appeared before the Commission for Jerome Properties owner of 2 West Main Street. They are proposing renovations to the building and expressed concern about the property sinking and stated that it was in need of repairs. The Commission was not in favor of updating the doorways to the stores in the building. Mr. Desmarais requested clarity about what the Commission would be in favor of regarding the renovations. The Commission stated that the repairs should be made but the look of the building should remain the same. He also had questions about replacing the glass in the storefronts.

Michael O'Reilly owner of 16 Fort Rachel Place appeared before the Commission regarding the construction of a single family dwelling. The siding will be hardy plank, the trim will be a combination of hardy plank & Azek and the windows will have externally applied muntins. The Commission questioned the height of the structure in relation to other dwellings in the neighborhood. The Commission also felt that the windows throughout the house should be six over six. Adding a stone wall to the property was also discussed.

Peter Springsteel appeared before the Commission with Mike Smith regarding 2 Clift Street. Mr. Smith is the prospective buyer of the property and would like to make additions and renovations to the dwelling. They reviewed several different designs with the Commission.

Anna Troiano owner of 21 Bank Street appeared before the Commission regarding replacing the roof of her house. Currently there are tab shingles which she proposes to replace with architecturals.

Peter Springsteel appeared before the Commission regarding 10 Bank Street. The proposal is to build a wooden structure for the awning over the deck. The Commission was not in favor of a structure that would cover up some of the existing dwelling.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 2, 2008

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 2, 2008

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

Cole left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission made Staff aware that a barn located at 100 Clift Street had been reshingled. They questioned whether or not a COA was ever issued for the project.

The Commission also asked Staff to follow up regarding a chimney on Library Street that appears to be new or taller.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. made by Nado, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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