

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

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

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and sat Levenson for Brady.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

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

Moriarty read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 16-54 – 32 West Main Street; Mom Jerry & Jerry LLC, owner/applicant;
Replace deck & stairs. PIN #261918410043 – Continued

Carol Upright, owner of 32 West Main Street, presented to the Commission to propose replacing the deck and stairs on the back of her property. The original deck was unsafe and has already been demolished. There are two residential apartments above the first floor restaurant that the deck provides egress for. The owner is requesting permission to rebuild the deck with the exact same measurements and material. The deck will be visible from the parking area in the rear of the building. Engineer Frank Marafiotte has designed the replacement deck and Dan Van Kruiningen, owner of Chapter One, will build it. Staff noted that the plan has been submitted and it is just replicating what was pre-existing.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs

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

HDC 16-56 – 56 Pearl Street; Diana Cassidy, owner; Brian Kent, applicant;
Driveway apron. PIN #261914425901

Elisa McGee of Kent and Frost presented to the Commission to propose a new driveway apron at 56 Pearl Street, which is owned by Diana Cassidy. The current driveway aggregate is washing away onto the sidewalk and into the street. The apron will be 5' deep and built from Belgium block pavers.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Apron design

- GIS plot plan

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

HDC 16-57 – 80 Clift Street; Ken & Jill Wilson, owners; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Addition & renovations. PIN #261918328398

Architect Peter Springsteel of Mystic and Ken Wilson, owner of 80 Clift Street, presented to the Commission to propose an addition and renovations to the subject property. The house was built in 1975 as a ranch with various modifications made over the years. Presently, the owners would like to add 6' to the garage, add a new free-standing pergola, and add a shed-roof structure with column to create a new main entrance. A small 1-story addition will be constructed off the kitchen and include a bay window extension. A screened porch addition is planned for the rear of the house. Due to expansion, the existing one-door garage will be replaced with a two-door garage. The topography of the land drops and slopes off allowing the design of a walkout basement. The existing stone retaining wall will be reworked. Currently the house has vinyl siding; therefore, the new addition will have matching vinyl siding with vinyl corner boards. The rakes and eaves will be wood. Architectural grade asphalt shingles on roof will be used for the roof.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Photographs
- Elevation drawings

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

HDC 16-58 – 18 West Main Street; Historic Mystic LLC, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Modify COA #2054. PIN #261918412081

Architect Peter Springsteel presented to the Commission for Historic Mystic LLC, owner of 18 West Main Street. This application is for the modification of a previously issued Certificate of Appropriateness. As such, Springsteel submitted for the record a letter itemizing the changes to the previous approval that he is proposing. Additionally, Springsteel reviewed the letter with the Commission and summarized each change.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Narrative letter
- Elevation prints
- Photographic rendering

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:35 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 16-54 – 32 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2079.

HDC 16-56 – 56 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Levenson, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2080.

HDC 16-57 – 80 Clift Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2081.

HDC 16-58 – 18 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2082.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Crosby Sherman, owner of 324 High Street, appeared before the Commission to discuss a change in materials relative to a previous application approval. He explained that at his public hearing on August 19, 2014 the Commission approved HardiePlank siding for his house. He is seeking permission to replace the trim on the corner boards, windows and water table with an Azek material. The wooden trim along the roof line and on the front door will remain. Chairperson Moriarty noted that you cannot make an amendment to a previous application. The homeowner will need to submit a new application to replace the trim.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. December 6, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 6, 2016, as written

Motion made by Moriarty, seconded by Everett. Motion passed 3, 0, 1 (Somers).

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

Moriarty requested an update on whether or not the exhibits for the previously approved application for replacement windows had been received. Staff noted that they had just been received this week.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. made by Everett, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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