

TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: C. Nado, K. Vaughn, D. Seager and R. Keyes
Alternates Present: N. Mitchell
Staff: K. Quinn, S. Discordia

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Nado appointed Mitchell as a voting member.

Vaughn read the call as it appeared in The Day.

HDC 07-02 – 21 Grove Avenue; Bruce Blye, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; change entrance. PIN 261914430442 (cont'd)

Peter Springsteel presented drawings for the Commission's review. The owner would like to change the entrance to the house. He would like to change the canopy with brackets to round architectural fiberglass columns.

The Commission stated that the columns were more appropriate to the façade of the house.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 3 pictures
- 1 pamphlet
- 1 materials sheet

HDC 07-04 – 74 High Street; Mystic Historical Society, owner; John Porter, applicant; re-shingle roof. PIN 261918303376

Mr. Porter submitted pictures for the Commission to review. The owner would like to replace the cedar shingles with asphalt architectural shingles. The Commission reviewed a brochure of the sample shingle. The applicant stated they would use the color "rustic slate".

The Commission did not have a problem with the shingles.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 2 pictures

- 2 drawings

HDC 07-05 – 2 Elm Street; John & Pamela Bobinski, owners/applicants; re-shingle roof. PIN 261918208349

Mr. Bobinski presented to the Commission. He showed the Commission a picture of the current shingles and a brochure of the proposed new shingles. The color would be “pewter wood”.

The Commission thought the new color was appropriate.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 1 picture

HDC 07-06 – 281 High Street; Dawn Colonni, owner/applicant; new shed. PIN 261918321425

Ms. Dolonni presented to the Commission a sketch of the proposed shed with dimensions. The roof will be 30 year shingles. She submitted photo color copies of the shed that will be built on her property.

The Commission did not have a problem with the proposed shed.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 2 color pictures
- 2 drawings
- 1 materials sheet
- 4 black & white photos

HDC 07-07 – 239 High Street; Mark Tiesinga, owner/applicant; removal of deck, new shed, retaining wall and driveway. PIN 261918321024

Tate Thomas, landscape architect, represented the owner Mr. Tiesinga. Mr. Thomas showed pictures of the proposed shed and gave the Commission pictures of the current house for review. He would like to build a retaining wall and level an area for the shed. The shed will be 16 x 12 with a lean-to and an all wood structure. There would be cedar shakes on the roof.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 4 pictures
- 1 drawing/site plan
- 6 construction sheets for shed

The public hearings were closed at 7:42 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 07-02 – 21 Grove Avenue

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-04 – 74 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-05 – 2 Elm Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-06 – 281 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-07 – 239 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with the stipulation that the structure be entirely of wood.

Motion made by Seager, seconded by Keyes, so voted unanimously.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Robert Parsons of 9 Rathbun Place would like to add an additional garage door. The garage is clapboard. The Commission stated they would like the doors to be lined up and symmetrical.

Nate Trumbul is considering purchasing the house at 7 New London Road. He would like to add 250 square foot addition. Staff stated that he would need a variance for any addition. The Commission discussed different variations of an addition that might be suitable to the home.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None

V. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 6, 2007.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Staff gave Vaughn and Mitchell their confirmations and check for the upcoming seminar.

The Commission discussed the contents of the new brochure.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. made by Seager, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Cole, Secretary