

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JULY 17, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: C. Nado, E. Cole, and N. Mitchell
Alternates Present: D. Madden
Staff: P. Vandenbosch, S. Discordia

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Cole read the call as it appeared in The Day.

HDC 07-33 – 290 High Street; Brian & Jeanne Shirvell, owners/applicants; replace windows.
PIN 261914323531

Brian Shirvell presented to the Commission. He would like to replace all the double hung windows and remove the aluminum storm windows. He showed pictures to the Commission. He will also replace all the trim on the windows and it will be identical to the originals except made out of Azek material. Three of the windows will look like double hung but will actually open up to the inside to provide egress from the bedrooms according to fire code.

The Commission stated the windows would be appropriate to the structure.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 4 pictures
- 3 drawings
- 1 materials sheet

HDC 07-34 – 6 Park Place; Eileen Danaher, owner; William Bertsche, applicant; construct one story addition and remove siding. PIN 261918426486

Mr. Bertsche presented to the Commission. He stated that the owners are withdrawing the request to remove the siding on the house at this time. They would just like to apply for the one story addition. Mr. Bertsche went over the pictures and drawings with the Commission. The windows will be aluminum clad and the siding will be Hardi-plank and painted. The trim will be painted PVC.

The Commission thought the design and scale of the addition was appropriate to the historic district.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 13 pictures
- 9 page site plan

HDC 07-35 – 2 West Mystic Avenue; Laura Jamison, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; construct one story addition and reroof. PIN 261917109177

Peter Springsteel presented to the Commission. They are proposing a one story addition, porch addition and an expansion of an existing ell. They would also like to replace the roof and realign the driveway. They are proposing pea stone gravel on the driveway and a new apron. Mr. Springsteel and the Commission reviewed the plans. The windows will be true divided lights. Mr. Springsteel stated they will use wood clapboards for siding.

The Commission stated the changes were appropriate to the house and district.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 10 pictures
- 1 drawing
- 1 plot plan
- 5 page site plan

HDC 07-36 – 80 Clift Street; Stephen & Sarah Brown, owners/applicants; new deck and addition. PIN 261918328398

Mr. and Mrs. Brown presented to the Commission. They would like to construct a deck and an addition so they may also have a door to access the back yard. There currently is no door on the back of the house. They discussed pictures and drawings of the house. There will not need to be a railing around the deck as it is only 2 feet high. Staff stated they may need a handrail per State building code for 3 steps or more to the deck.

The Commission thought the addition and deck would be appropriate and not very visible from a public way.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 6 pictures
- 2 drawings
- 4 material sheets

HDC 07-37 – 13 Water Street; Robert Gottlieb, owner; Fred Stewart, applicant; new sign. PIN 261918306223

Mr. Stewart presented to the Commission. He showed the Commission pictures of the building and proposed sign. He will use the same bracket for the new sign.

The Commission approved of the sign.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 1 picture
- 1 drawing

HDC 07-38 – 106 Library Street; David & Joyce Kay, owners; David Reagan, applicant; new single family home. PIN 261917213001

Mr. Reagan presented to the Commission. He submitted drawings and a plot plan to the Commission. Mr. Reagan and the Commission discussed the features of the proposed house.

The Commission thought the house would look appropriate in the historic district.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 2 drawing
- 2 plot plans

The public hearings were closed at 8:33 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 07-33 – 290 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-34 – 6 Park Place

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-35 – 2 West Mystic Avenue

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-36 – 80 Clift Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-37 – 13 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-38 – 106 Library Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Madden left at 8:39 p.m.

Chris Owens represented the owner, Dr. Tim Owens of Pizzetta at 7 Water Street. Mr. Owens stated they need to enclose the dumpsters with cedar board fence. It will be 18' x 10' and be the same as the Mystic Art Association dumpster enclosure. The Commission thought it would be appropriate.

David Carpenter of 37 New London Road. He would like to cobblestone the apron of his driveway. The Commission suggested using oil stone instead of the cobblestone as it would not be appropriate with three different textures. Mr. Carpenter stated that he may just repair the apron like for like.

Bill Smithson of 51 Clift Street showed the Commission pictures of his kitchen window. He stated the window goes below the cabinets. He would like to put in a new window that would be 3' x 3' and 6 over 6.

Christine Lichatz presented for Marie Carija for the sign at the Powerhouse at 15 ½ Water Street. They are going to put a new sign on the brick pillar. The year built will be engraved and on a plaque on the brick pillar. The Commission requested she blow up the sign and tape it to the pillar and bring a picture to the hearing so they could determine how the sign will actually look.

Attila Kellar presented to the Commission. He would like to build a new house at 23 Ice House Lane. Mr. Kellar and the Commission discussed size and style of siding and trim.

The Commission stated they did not have a problem with the new materials being used for siding and trim as it is a new home, but they did not like the design as it wasn't appropriate to the historic district.

Andrew and Laurie Bliss of 16 West Mystic Avenue presented to the Commission. They would like to replace the windows with 6 over 6. Mr. Bliss and the Commission discussed different brands of replacement windows.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Staff distributed Preservation News.

V. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 19, 2007.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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