

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MAY 5, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Mitchell, Cole, Vaughn  
Alternates Present: None  
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 09-11 – 200 Clift Street; Lester D. Olin, Jr. Trust, owner; Lester Olin, applicant; Replace windows. PIN #261914228966

Les Olin of 200 Clift Street presented to the Commission. He is seeking permission to replace the existing windows in his home which are original to the structure. He explained an alternative approach to replacing the windows. There is a patented Bi-Glass System available which is essentially a restoration. Window frames and sashes will remain the same. The exterior and interior trim will not be touched. A version of Low E glass is used in the older frames. Wooden exterior mullions are glued to the glass. He provided photographs of other homes with window replacements using the Bi-Glass System. The front windows of the house do not have exterior mullions. The existing triple-track storm windows will remain on the house. Continued from the first hearing, Mr. Olin will use the bay window design that the Commission found acceptable. The requested materials list was provided.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Bi-Glass Brochure

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

HDC 09-13 – 104 Library Street; Alexis Ane, owner/applicant; Add shed. PIN #261917202990

Applicant was not represented at the hearing.

HDC 09-16 – 43 Pearl Street; Victor & Susan DiPaglia, owners/applicants; Install shingle diamond. PIN #261914420593

Applicant was not represented at the hearing.

HDC 09-17 – 6 West Main Street; Jerome Properties 2-6 LLC, owner; Cheryl Scammell, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918403999

Cheryl Scammell and Carol Morosky presented to the Commission for a sign approval at 6 West Main Street for Cee Cee's of Mystic, LLC. The sign will hang perpendicular off the existing footprint. Cam at Finest Kind signs has designed a hanging sign and a flat, front store name sign. She intends to reuse the hanging bracket from the previous occupant.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Drawings
- Photographs

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

HDC 09-18 – 26 West Main Street; Westward Properties, LLC, owner; Catherine McHugh, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918411081

Catherine McHugh presented to the Commission for approval of her signs. The front sign will be raised lettering painted white or cream. Letters will be attached one by one, stud mounted, directly to the building. The hummingbird logo will be attached separately. An additional sign will be placed on the side as well but scaled to fit appropriately.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photograph

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

HDC 09-19 – 2-4 West Main Street; Jerome Properties 2-6 LLC, owner; Cheryl Robdau Desmarais, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918403999

Cheryl Robdau Desmarais presented to the Commission for approval to replace the existing sign for her store and the addition of a front, above door sign at 4 West Main Street. The hanging sign will be perpendicular to the building. She is planning to reuse the brackets. Staff stated that the sign dimensions cannot exceed 12 sq. ft.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Drawings

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

HDC 09-20 – 15 ½ Water Street; The Power House Condominium Association, owner/applicant; Door & windows. PIN #261918307079

Frank Colonese presented to the Commission regarding the installation of windows in the basement section of the The Power House Condominiums at 15 ½ Water Street. The Commission had concerns about what will be seen from the public way which is from the water. The window will be all glass and surface mounted on the inside. The Commission felt this would be appropriate. The garage door was discussed. The Commission requested more information regarding the door material. The door will be applied for at a future date.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.

## II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

### HDC 09-11 – 200 Clift Street

The Commission felt that the applicant made a sincere effort to find the best solution for his house in the Historic District. The method of presentation and the materials used were clear and the Commission appreciated his effort.

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1696

### HDC 09-13 – 104 Library Street

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

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

### HDC 09-16 – 43 Pearl Street

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

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

### HDC 09-17 – 6 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, as submitted.

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1697

### HDC 09-18 – 26 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, as submitted.

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1698

### HDC 09-19 – 2-4 West Main Street

The Commission has some concern that the bracket is being relocated in the wood. Staff stated that this is usually more of a concern if the building exterior is made from brick. The bracket was removed when the building was painted.

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, as submitted.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1699

### HDC 09-20 – 15 ½ Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, as submitted.

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1700

### III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Catherine McHugh presented to the Commission for Westward Properties owner of 26 West Main Street. The owner is seeking approval to replace windows on the second floor of the structure. Photographs of the existing windows were presented. The owner is proposing the installation of either two or three windows in the front of the building and the replacement of a side window. The Commission preferred two windows rather than three for the front and had concerns about the trim as shown in the photographs. Wooden windows would be the preferred. The Commission requested more information about the windows and materials for the public hearing.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

### V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 21, 2009

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 21, 2009

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

### VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

### VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission reported that the roof shingles at 292 High Street are wood-like and very light in color. Staff will investigate.

The Commission requested the status of and restoration plans for 18 West Main Street. Staff reported that the owner does not plan to do anything to the property this year.

The Commission requested that Staff look at 54 High Street. Windows have been replaced on the first and second floor and they appear to be vinyl-type replacements. The basement still has the original wooden windows.

Staff presented a brochure on custom-made, wooden windows to the Commission for review. It will be available in the Annex Library.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. made by Vaughn, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

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Elaine Cole, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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