

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Mitchell, Cole, Vaughn (7:15)
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 09-50 – 39 West Main Street; Steamboat Wharf Company LLC, owner; Faye Davidson, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918309893

Staff stated that the applicant has requested a continuation to the next scheduled meeting.

The public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 09-50 – 39 West Main Street

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

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

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Philip and Sharon Rowe, owners of 415 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission to propose renovations to an existing garage. They would like to add a dormer to the garage to create a master bedroom and bath. The applicants previously appeared before the Commission and were approved for an addition to the house which is finished. Now they would like to increase the living area and head room by adding a dormer to the attached garage. The Commission had concerns about adding the gable dormer they are proposing for the garage. The applicants are trying to keep the character and integrity of the house by mirroring the dormer on the house for the garage. The Commission felt that adding a gable dormer would overshadow the house and make the garage read like a living space.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff read a memorandum from the Town Clerk's Office stating that Nancy Gilly was elected to the RTM. Therefore she resigned from the Historic District Commission as of December 14, 2009.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 15, 2009

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 15, 2009

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Staff reviewed the proposed Zoning Regulation Text Amendment drafted by the Zoning Commission regarding temporary, non-accessory signs. The Commission felt that the sign regulations as they exist currently should be upheld.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

MOTION: To re-elect Charles Nado as Chairman of the Historic District Commission.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, (3 in favor, 1 abstention). Motion passed.

MOTION: To re-elect Kristin Vaughn as Vice-Chairman of the Historic District Commission.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, (3 in favor, 1 abstention). Motion passed.

MOTION: To re-elect Elaine Cole as Secretary of the Historic District Commission.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, (3 in favor, 1 abstention). Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. made by Vaughn, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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