

**TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 15, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2**

Members Present: C. Nado, R. Seager, E. Cole, R. Keyes, K. Vaughn

Members Absent:

Staff: K. Quinn

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. There was no call of hearing because of continuations.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public hearings opened at 7:33 p.m.

HDC 05-09 – 25 West Main Street; Jerome Properties LLC, owner; Eric Burns, applicant; for addition to existing vestibule. PIN #261918401845 – continuation

Staff stated that the applicant has requested a continuation of the public hearing until the March 1, 2005 meeting.

HDC 05-10 – 25 West Main Street; Jerome Properties LLC, owner; Eric Burns, applicant; for addition of a covered walkway for entrance to 2<sup>nd</sup> story apartment. PIN #261918401845 – continuation

Staff stated that the applicant has requested a continuation of the public hearing until the March 1, 2005 meeting.

Seager recused himself from the hearing.

HDC 05-11 – 24½ West Mystic Avenue; Charles Rousseau, owner/ applicant; for two skylights on west side of roof. PIN #261805280409 – continuation

Charles Rousseau presented photos and a brochure of the skylights that were installed. He is proposing to reduce the width of the skylights to make them more rectangular. The Commission thought that the rectangular skylights looked better, however their concern was the two skylights.

Discussion continued about the two skylights and the chimney that has yet to be installed. The Commission decided that only one skylight would be appropriate and should be rectangular.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were submitted:

- 4 color photos

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Public hearings closed at 8:05 p.m.

### **DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING**

HDC 05-09 – 25 West Main Street

MOTION: To continue the public hearing for HDC 05-09 to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

HDC 05-10 – 25 West Main Street.

MOTION: To continue the public hearing for HDC-05-10 to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

HDC 05-11 – 24 ½ West Mystic Avenue

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with the stipulation that applicant remove one skylight and replace north side skylight, closest to chimney, with a skylight that is 30 ½ x 46 7/8 inches.

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

### **PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS**

Rod Desmairis, 18-22 West Main Street, presented line drawings showing the fourth story recessed from the front and side facades and details that try to give an appearance of three separate buildings. The Commission felt he was moving in the right direction, but should try to detail more the appearance of separate buildings possibly with cornice or pilasters and roof heights. There was a concern with the different styles of windows and sizes. Chairman Nado still has an issue with the overall height and its relation to the neighboring buildings.

The Commission still has a concern with inset porches on the rear of the building and the repetition of railings. They prefer no porches and feel the back should look more like the front. Discussion continued about the possibility of larger doors or windows on the rear of the building with interior railings. The Commission felt that a perspective drawing of the back of the building and its relation to the abutting buildings would be helpful.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Staff distributed a letter from Nancy D'Estang in regards to 18-22 West Main Street.

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**MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 1, 2005

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

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Keyes will not be able to attend the next to meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. made by Keyes, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elaine Cole, Secretary