

**TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 5, 2004 - 7:30 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2**

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

Members Absent: K. Vaughn

Staff: K. Quinn, J. Vislosky

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing as it appeared in The Day. Cole was appointed a voting member.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings opened at 7:31 p.m.

HDC 04-54 – 287 Noank Road; Margaret Loughlin, owner/applicant; for construction of deck.
PIN #261805283278 – continuation

Margaret Loughlin reviewed a sketch of the proposed deck with stairs on both sides and a photo of a simple railing. The Commission had no problem with the deck.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were submitted:

- One photo
- One sketch of deck

HDC 04-56 – 45 Pearl Street; Catherine Gouvin, owner/applicant; for installation of fence.
PIN #261914421549

Catherine Gouvin reviewed photos, a plot plan and a sketch of the proposed black, aluminum fence with a four-foot high gate. The Commission liked the fence.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were submitted:

- One photo
- One sketch of fence
- Plot plan

Public hearings closed at 7:42 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 04-54 – 287 Noank Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 04-56 – 45 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Mike Sarasin, 27 Gravel Street, reviewed photos explaining he wants to remove the two chimneys down to the roofline and rebuild them. The new chimneys will be erected at the existing height and will look like the northern chimney. The Commission questioned whether the chimneys would be capped and if so would need details.

Chris and Nicole High, 245 High Street, reviewed plans for an addition and detached garage. Siding, roofing, the foundation and windows on the addition will match the house. Discussion continued on trim, true divided light windows, ridge vents, and a dormer. The garage will be constructed off the driveway and will have vertical siding. An existing shed will be removed.

John Morrison, representing 54 West Main Street, reviewed sketches changing signage from Fleet Bank to Bank of America.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 21, 2004 as written.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Staff noted that the Historic District Commission Handbook needs to be re-printed and a number of administrative changes need to be made. The Commission asked for an outline of the changes.

Staff noted that an archeological dig was performed in a few downtown Mystic areas in conjunction with the Mystic Streetscape project. He will provide copies of the report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Cole, Secretary