

**TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2**

Members Present: C. Nado, E. Cole, R. Seager, and R. Keyes
Members Absent: K. Vaughn
Alternates Present: D. Madden, R. Boardman
Staff: K. Quinn, S. Discordia

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 05-55 – 80 Clift Street; Jonathan Rodgers, owner/applicant; replace garage door. PIN #261918328398

Applicant was not present.

DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

No items to discuss.

PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Paul Trowbridge, represented the owners for 9 Rathbun Place. Mr. Trowbridge showed a drawing depicting the proposed changes for the two rear decks. Discussion was based on different railings and/or panels that would be appropriate for this style of house. Keyes, Boardman and Madden approved of the drawings of the railings. Staff stated to approve the old style cross-railings, the applicant would have to get a State variance from the building codes, which would take about 2 weeks. Seager stated that he didn't approve of imitating the widow's walk railing on the front deck, as it would not compliment the balustrades on the back deck. Staff stated that since the front porch does not have railings, then it's a preexisting condition and the applicant does not need to put railings around the porch.

Rick and Carol Silva of 27 West Mystic Avenue would like to replace the front door and back window of their home. They submitted pictures of the house to the Commission. The Commission decided that they couldn't rule on the replacement of the back window, as it cannot be seen from any public way. Mr. Silva submitted a picture and spec sheet of the proposed front door. Keyes stated that the door was of a Victorian style, which contrasted with their simple colonial style home. The Commission browsed through a catalogue of doors and suggested more appropriate styles for Mr. & Mrs. Silva's home.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 6, 2005

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the construction of an approved addition at 19 New London Road. The windows that are being put in the addition are different than what is in the approved file. The Commission noted that an octagon window had been installed, which was not on the approved plans. Staff stated that they would inspect the house.

Staff stated that they had inspected the fence at 147 Noank Road. There was a preexisting wood fence already there. The owner had added a foot-high lattice on top of the existing wood fence. Staff stated they would contact the owner and request an application be filed with the Historic District Commission.

The Commission discussed the material submitted by architect Bill Bertsche regarding 18-22 West Main Street. They felt it gave a general idea of the differences between the approved plan and what was being proposed.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. made by Seager, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Cole, Secretary