

**TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
APRIL 4, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2**

Members Present: C. Nado, E. Cole, and K. Vaughn  
Alternates Present: R. Boardman  
Staff: K. Quinn, S. Discordia

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing as it appeared in The Day.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

HDC 06-15 – 360 High Street; John Graves, owner; Chuck Canavan, applicant; replace fence, construct deck and replace rear windows and door. PIN 261914332271

John Graves presented to the Commission. He would like to install a new fence that would run east to west and back to the existing shed. He would like to replace the old pipe and mesh fence with a 3 foot by 2 ¼” pickets. The fence would be the same as the front of the Brustolon property next door. Chairman Nado and Cole were concerned that there wasn’t any material to show exactly what the new fence would look like. Chairman Nado asked how long it would be and Mr. Graves stated about 40 feet. Chairman Nado asked that Mr. Graves write on the picture exactly the dimensions of the fence.

Mr. Graves stated that he restored the window to its original position as the Commission noted it wasn’t symmetrical or part of the documentation that was approved on an earlier application.

Mr. Graves handed out drawings showing the replacement windows and proposed deck. Chairman Nado questioned what was originally approved and they went through the original application from June of 2005. Chairman Nado determined that the windows on the back of the house were not approved with the previous application.

Chairman Nado noted that he was concerned that the documentation did not depict exactly what would be approved. There was discussion on moving and changing windows on the back of the house for more symmetry.

Chairman Nado asked for a picture of what would be used for the railing on the deck. Mr. Graves didn’t have a picture.

Chairman Nado stated that he didn’t have a problem with either lengths of the deck. He didn’t like the windows as they weren’t symmetrical on the back of the house.

Vaughn agreed the deck was fine, but she didn’t like the windows. She asked that documentation be provided and the public hearing be continued.

Boardman agreed that the windows need to be symmetrical. Cole did not like the two large windows. She thought the back of the house should look more like it did originally.

Chairman Nado continued the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

HDC 06-16 – 181 High Street; Dorothy Singleton, owner/applicant; reshingle roof. PIN 261918311497

Ms. Singleton brought a sample of the roof shingle she would like to use to re-roof her home. She submitted a picture of the house. She stated she would like to use the “Cobblestone Gray” colored shingle. The Commission liked the color and didn’t have a problem with the shingles.

Ms. Singleton would like to remove an old rubber roof and replace it with new rubber. The Commission stated that because she is replacing “like for like” she doesn’t need their approval.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 1 picture
- 1 brochure

HDC 06-17 – 27 West Mystic Avenue; Carol Silva, owner/applicant; install garage door and chimney cap. PIN 261805284700

Ms. Silva presented pictures to the Commission of the current garage door they would like to replace and the new door. She submitted pictures of the chimney and the cap they would like to install. Chairman Nado asked what the material would be used for the garage door and she stated it would be painted steel.

The Commission didn’t have a problem with the new garage door or chimney cap.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 6 pictures

HDC 06-18 – 100 Clift Street; Lloyd & Nancy Boggio, owner; Gannoe Pools Inc., applicant; fencing and equipment enclosure. PIN 261917204559

Tom Gannoe presented pictures to the Commission. He would like to install fencing around the pool. He would also like to put up an enclosure around the pump station. Mr. Gannoe showed a picture of what the enclosure would look like. The concrete pad is 4’ x 8’ and it would be 6 feet tall, 4 feet with a 2 foot English lattice on top. Mr. Gannoe said the area will be an actual 6’ x

12' to allow work around the pump area. Chairman Nado suggested using natural cedar and allowing it to weather. He also suggested not putting the lattice on top. Mr. Gannoe stated he would really like to have it all lattice to allow the air to flow to the pump. Mr. Gannoe stated the enclosure will be 3 sided.

Vaughn stated that 6 feet is too high for the enclosure. She stated that 4 feet would be more appropriate. The rest of the Commission agreed.

Chairman Nado asked Mr. Gannoe to document the exact dimensions and materials for the record.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 3 pictures
- 1 plot plan
- 2 materials sheets

HDC 06-19 – 83 Library Street; William Thorndike, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; new windows, removal of shutters and side window. PIN 261917204559

Peter Springsteel presented drawings to the Commission. They would like to remove the garage door and replace it with windows and to remove the shutters on the existing windows on the ell. They would like to remove the double hung window. The windows are Marvin windows with wood frames and sills. The Commission had determined that the back of the house cannot be seen from any public way.

The Commission didn't have any problem with the changes.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 2 pictures
- 1 plot plan
- 2 drawings

HDC 06-20 – 0 Candlewood Road; City of Groton, owner/applicant; new one story building. PIN 179020812485E

Ray Vallentini representing Groton Utilities presented to the Commission. The site is located at the intersection of Route 117 and Candlewood Road. He showed all the different views of the location.

Mr. Vallentini stated they would like to use board and baton for siding or a cedar shake. The Commission looked at different color shingles and discussed materials for siding the building. He stated they removed all the windows and made barn doors.

Chairman Nado stated he preferred a board and baton in a cedar material to give it a weathered appearance. The Commission agreed the trim should be 3 to 4”.

Cole stated she liked the board and baton design and didn't have a preference to shingle color. Vaughn preferred the board and baton and a shade of gray for the shingles. Vaughn suggested simplifying the barn doors as they are smaller than standard size barn doors.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 7 pictures
- 7 drawings

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing at 8:26 p.m.

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

HDC 06-15 – 360 High Street

MOTION: To continue the public hearing for 360 High Street until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 18, 2006.

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

HDC 06-16 – 181 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 06-17 – 27 West Mystic Avenue

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 06-18 – 100 Clift Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 06-19 – 83 Library Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 06-20 – 0 Candlewood Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

### **PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS**

Sarah Dove of 102 School Street presented pictures of her house to the Commission. She stated that the whole house is on a foundation except for one part and it is pulling the house down on an angle.

She suggested demolishing the garage and rebuilding a family room with a foundation in its place. Ms. Dove would like to jack up the porch.

Vaughn stated that she didn't like the flat roof on the drawing of the proposed rebuilt addition. She suggested keeping the old angles that a typical historic house would have. Vaughn suggested 2 over 2 windows.

Ms. Dove asked if a foundation could be cement instead of brick and the Commission agreed it should be cement.

Chairman Nado requested Ms. Dove come back to another preliminary hearing with more specifications.

Penny Havard of 85 Clift Street would like to install a 3 foot high, cedar lattice fence that would hide the pipe, meter and give room for a garbage pail. She would also like to install a 3 foot fence that would be painted the same color as the house. It would go from the garage to the end of asphalt near the house fence.

Peter Springsteel represented the owners of 20 Grove Avenue. He presented pictures to the Commission. Mr. Springsteel stated the owner would like to extend the roof over the deck about 7 feet. Vaughn stated that she thought it would be beneficial to the house and really focus on the center of the house. Chairman Nado stated he wasn't sure if this would be beneficial to the home or not and would do a drive-by before the next meeting.

Peter Springsteel represented the owners of 3 Thomas Street. They would like to remove the dog house dormers and replace with shed dormers. The dormer will run along the back about 18" in. The owner would like to put up a pergola with a small deck as well.

Vaughn stated that it was a lot of glazing for a cape. She thought the pergola and deck were okay, but there were too many windows. She also didn't like removing the dog house dormers either.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Staff distributed pamphlets for Preservation News and the Historic Trust.

### **MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 21, 2006

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

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Staff stated that the sign reading “you are now entering the historic district” is going to be moved by the Department of Public Works. Some residents have complained that the sign should be moved to more accurately depict the district boundaries.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. made by Boardman, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elaine Cole, Secretary