

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JULY 3, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Moriarty, Somers
Alternates Present: Levenson
Absent: Everett, Brady
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and sat Levenson for Brady.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

Motion made by Somers, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously.

Levenson read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 18-24 – 229 Clift Street; Ann & Peter Filardi, owners; Renewal by Andersen, applicant; Replacement windows. PIN #261914226567 – Continued

Steve Martin of Renewal by Andersen presented to the Commission for Ann & Peter Filardi, owners of 229 Clift Street. This is a proposal for 6 replacement windows on the house. There are 4 double-hung windows and 2 basement level windows that the owners plan to replace with Andersen's. The product is a composite wood frame. The trim will be replaced with new trim like for like.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Window brochure

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

HDC 18-31 – 9 Rathbun Place; Peggy West & Jack Sinks, owners; Robert Mercer, applicant; Fence. PIN #261805294881

Architect Robert Mercer presented to the Commission on behalf of Peggy West and Jack Sinks, owners of 9 Rathbun Place. This is a proposal for the installation of a privacy fence near the rear border of the property. This will be a 6' high, 24' long, Cedar fence that will be left to weather.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 18-24 – 229 Clift Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Somers, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2163.

HDC 18-31 – 9 Rathbun Place

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Moriarty, seconded by Somers, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2164.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Paul and Dawn Miller, owners of 368 High Street, appeared before the Commission to propose the installation of a barn in their back yard. The barn will be 14' x 36' with an 8' lean-to. The height of the structure will be approximately 17' to the peak. Additional details include barn doors, gable window, partial transom dormers, sided with vertical pine board. The Commission requested comprehensive details for the public hearing.

James Edwards, of Advanced Improvements, appeared before the Commission on behalf of Stephanie and James Shock, the owners of 233 High Street. He is proposing several exterior renovations to the property. The front porch will be removed and replaced with a new porch that will sit on the same footprint. It will have a pressure treated frame on Azek decking, beadboard sides, fully enclosed and trimmed with white Azek. The hand rail will be a traditional matching white Azek. The first floor wooden windows will be replaced with Harvey Classic two over two windows with exteriorly applied grids. They will match the existing ones which were replaced previously. Damaged siding on driveway side of the house will be replaced in kind. The water table is rotted and will be replaced with white PVC. The roof shingles will be replaced by a CertainTeed Landmark Architectural in Colonial Gray. The front and back doors will be replaced with Simpson wooden doors that will be stained and coated with polyurethane. Basement hoper windows will be replaced with Mercury Excellum white, vinyl-trimmed hoper windows. The detached garage currently has a white wood barn-type door that swings open. This plan includes replacing it with white vinyl overhead garage doors. The Commission felt that the garage did not have a large street presence. The Commission and the applicant discussed the replacement of the barn door and other options that may be available.

Bill Peowski, owner of 274 Noank Road, appeared before the Commission to propose modifying a previously approved plan relative to the windows on the back porch of his home. He is finding it troublesome to clean them and would prefer eliminating the exterior railing. He has come up with an alternate plan that includes raising the slider windows off the floor by adding a knee wall. The wall will match the existing siding.

John DeCaro, owner of 90 Library Street, appeared before the Commission to discuss some repairs he would like to make to the fascia and crown molding. He would like to replace them with Azek rather than wood. Additionally, the house is currently sided with aluminum which he would like to remove and with wooden clapboard. The corner boards will be Azek. DeCaro explained that his is a multifamily home and the fire marshal has brought to his attention that the third floor apartments do not have egress windows. He stated that the dormer windows are two small windows that are side by side. He plans to try to have something custom made that will be large enough for egress but will keep the two window look. The Commission was in favor of this option.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted that Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works has responded to the Commission's letter regarding the granite curbs and hitching posts in the district. His letter states that the Public Works Department's policy is not to remove granite curbing and hitching posts. They will be repaired where necessary.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. April 17, 2018

Approval of the April 17, 2018 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

2. June 19, 2018

Approval of the June 19, 2018 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Moriarty and Somers are not available to attend the August 7 meeting. The Commission determined that it is best to cancel the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. motion made by Moriarty, seconded by Levenson.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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