

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JUNE 5, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Seager read the call as it appeared in The Day.

HDC 07-23 – 19 Gravel Street; Todd & Melanie Drevo, owner; Chuck Canavan, applicant; install rail on existing porch roof and replace window with door. PIN 261918412646

Chuck Canavan presented to the Commission. He handed out drawings showing the proposed changes. Mr. Canavan stated they would reroof and put decking on the roof. He presented photos to the Commission. They will install a 2' 9" railing on the porch roof. Mr. Canavan stated they will replace the window with another window that will act like a door and open out toward the roof.

Mitchell stated that she did not like the idea that the owners of the house may start using this as a deck with lawn chairs etc. She was not in favor of this application.

Vaughn stated she would have to see shop drawings of this window that opens out onto the roof. She stated that this should be a decorative element and it is not historically appropriate to use this area as a deck.

The Commission suggested that the hearing be continued.

HDC 07-24 – 27 West Mystic Avenue; Carol Silva, owner/applicant; install replacement windows. PIN 261805284700

Carol Silva showed the Commission a sample replacement window. They showed pictures of houses that have the exact same replacement windows.

The Commission thought the windows would be appropriate.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 8 pictures
- 1 plot plan

HDC 07-25 – 3 Water Street; Coldwell Banker, owner/applicant; install two awnings. PIN 261918308733

Bruce Brast represented Coldwell Banker. He submitted photos of the proposed awnings. The awnings will be a deep blue color like the logo. The awnings will have “Coldwell Banker” printed on them. They will be 36” deep.

The Commission thought the awnings would be appropriate.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 1 picture

HDC 07-26 – 1 High Street; Tom Manning, owner; Chad Frost, applicant; install new sign and define parking area. PIN 261806392785

Chad Frost presented to the Commission. He showed a site plan showing the parking delineation. He also showed the Commission a picture of the proposed sign.

The Commission offered suggestions to keep the structure more in keeping with its historical use.

The Commission did not have a problem with the sign or the gravel parking.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 4 pictures
- 1 site plan
- 1 drawing

HDC 07-27 – 9 Orchard Lane; Teresa McShane, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; rear deck addition. PIN 261806296882

Peter Springsteel presented to the Commission. Mr. Springsteel submitted pictures and drawings of the house to the Commission. He proposed a two story addition with a sunroom and deck above it. The deck railing will be wooden with simple balusters. The sunroom will have cedar shingles to match the house and Anderson vinyl clad windows. The back cannot be seen from a public way.

The Commission requested that the two windows that are visible have external muttoms.

The Commission did not have a problem with the addition.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 2 pictures
- 3 drawings
- 1 plot plan

The public hearings were closed at 8:24 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 07-23 – 19 Gravel Street

MOTION: To continue the public hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 19, 2007.

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

HDC 07-24– 27 West Mystic Avenue

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-25 – 3 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-26 – 1 High Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

HDC 07-27 – 9 Orchard Lane

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

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

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Marie Carija represented the owners of 15 ½ Water Street. The owners would like to replace the old sign with a new sign with the same dimensions.

Mitchell suggested that the year 1903 be incorporated in the new sign.

A.J. Hocking of 20 New London Road presented to the Commission. He would like to construct a picket fence with an arbor. He would continue the picket to come just around the corner of his driveway. He would like to put up a six foot lattice fence between his side yard and the neighbors.

Jamie Douglas owner of the Black Dog Tavern on Main Street the former Mark Fore and Strike building presented to the Commission. He submitted drawings of new signs that will be the same size as the former ones. He wants to remove the metal bracket and replace it with a mahogany sign holder.

The Commission was concerned with new hardware and holes in the building. They suggested using the current sign holding structure and requested pictures to show what the sign might look like on the building and a picture of the current hardware.

David Regan represented the owners of 106 Library Street. The owners would like to build a 2-story home on this lot. The house would be set about 220 feet from Library Street and the back would be visible about 150 feet from Burrows Street.

The Commission agreed that most of this house would be visible from a public way even if at a great distance. The Commission discussed appropriate changes to the drawings of the proposed house.

Vaughn stated that the ganged windows are very contemporary and would not be appropriate to the district. Vaughn stated that the chimney should be internal not external.

Chairman Nado stated that the windows would have to have exterior muttons applied to the outside of the glass.

Rod Desmairis presented to the Commission. He showed the street lights that will go in the streetscape project. He pointed out on a site plan where the lights would be installed. Mr. Desmairis stated he needed to install a fence per Planning's request. The Commission stated to keep it simple. He showed examples of the dumpster enclosure in back of the building.

Rod Desmairis talked about the Ice Cream building. He stated they need to put up a new roof. The Commission stated they want the roof replaced exactly like it is.

Dan Lucente of 2 New London Road presented to the Commission. He would like to put up two fences on his property. He showed the Commission pictures of the fence he is proposing.

The Commission did not have a problem with the fence.

Peter Springsteel represented the owners of 2 West Mystic Avenue. He stated the owners would like to construct an addition on their house.

Seager and Cole left at 10 p.m.

Ms. Farenden owner of 6 West Mystic Avenue presented to the Commission. She would like to install aluminum gutters with round downspouts.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None

V. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 1, 2007.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. made by Vaughn, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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