

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

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

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Cole read the call as it appeared in The Day.

HDC 07-44 – 115 Library Street; Kent & Nichole Handfield, owners/applicants; install skylight.
PIN 261917201622 (continued)

The applicant was not present.

HDC 07-51 – 23-25 West Main Street; Jerome Properties, owner; Rod Desmarais, applicant;
install awning and changes to walkway and windows. PIN 261918401845

Rod Desmarais presented drawings of the proposed changes to the building. He submitted a cloth sample of the proposed awnings and a rendered photo showing the awning on the building. The Commission discussed how much of the enclosure would be visible from West Main Street and how the walkway connected to the existing building.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 3 drawings
- 2 pictures

HDC 07-52 – 81 High Street; Rod Desmarais, owner/applicant; roof pitch and window change to garage. PIN 261918302416

Rod Desmarais showed drawings of the proposed changes to the garage previously approved by the Commission. He read from the HDC guidelines about outbuildings.

The Commission felt there was a discrepancy between the drawings and the photographs presented. He will remeasure in the field to determine the accuracy of the drawings. Mr. Desmarais requested a continuance of the hearing.

HDC 07-53 – 42A & 42B New London Road; Marcia Schaller, owner/applicant; install picket fence. PIN 261917104521

Marcia Schaller and Attorney Michelle Gianni presented photos and a site plan locating the fence on the property. The Commission did not approve of the proposed vinyl fence. The applicant then proposed a wooden picket fence.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments.

Carl Gehring, an abutting neighbor, did not have a problem with a vinyl fence.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 1 plot plan
- 2 photos
- one pamphlet

HDC 07-54 – 21 West Main Street; 21 West Main St. LLC, owner; Anthony Torraca, applicant; renovations for new restaurant. PIN 261918401886

Skip Torraca and John Everett presented drawings of the proposed façade renovation as well as the new signs.

Overall, the Commission liked the new façade.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 4 drawings

The public hearings were closed at 9:20 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 07-44 – 115 Library Street

MOTION: To continue the public hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

HDC 07-51 – 23-25 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Vaughn, four in favor, one opposed (Cole).

HDC 07-52 – 81 High Street

MOTION: To continue the public hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

HDC 07-53 – 42A & 42B New London Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Seager, seconded by Cole, four in favor, one opposed (Vaughn).

HDC 07-54 – 21 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Mitchell, four in favor, one abstention (Vaughn).

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Karen Van Seters representing Pat Linehan of 8 Orchard Lane showed pictures of the original porch posts to the Commission. The Commission thought a more formal post would be appropriate but could replace what was originally there.

Edward Janus of 3 Orchard Lane would like to replace a window that was partially boarded up for an air conditioner. He also talked about installing a garage door.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None

V. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 21, 2007.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Staff noted that letters have been sent to owners in regards to the open items list.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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