Members: Will Brady, David Nelson, Steve Rossi, Chris Miller

Others Present: Tracy Coolbeth, Julia Balfour, April, David Talbot, Ryan Scully Rebecca Wonneberger recording secretary. Irene Haines

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District commission was called to order at 7:33 by Chairman Brady upon the arrival of a quorum.

Public Hearing: C-06-17 89 Main Street, Andrew & Deborah Roff, requesting a certificate of appropriateness to modify existing window configuration on the front of the house. Assessor’s Map 26, Lot 18.

Mr. Coolbeth appeared before the historic district commission with a letter from the Roff’s with the permission to represent them before he commission. Mr. Collbeth also stated they had decided to not add the windows and had just decided to replace them with the 6 over 6 windows. He stated he was not certain about the eyebrow or the transom at this time, proposed picture were presented to the commission. Mr. Coolbeth stated he would be adding two windows to the third floor and the windows would be 6 over 6 and to take the there windows out of the second floor and also replace them with 6 over 6 as well and to allow the space between the windows. The presented the pictures showed a third story window Mr. Nelson stated he felt the house would look wonderful with the new window but if there was not enough head room to add it, it would be understandable. Mr. Coolbeth stated they would not be changing or touching any of the brick. Mr. Coolbeth also stated there would be two lanterns to be located on either side of the door.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve C-06-17 as presented with a stipulation to approve the lighting that would be used on either side of the door. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Coolbeth left at 7:45 pm

C-07 -17 3 Norwich Road, Julia Balfour, requesting a certificate of appropriateness for exterior elements, and landscaping. Assessor’s Map 17, Lot 24.

April presented the drawings of the proposed fire pit before the commission she stated the fire pit
would be gravel and metal around the fire pit and the fire pit would be wood burning. Mr. Nelson asked if the fire pit was going to be a permanent installation. Ms. Balfour stated it would be. Mr. Nelson asked if the planters presented in drawings would be a permanent installation it was stated they would not be. Mr. Nelson stated if they were not a permanent installation the commission would not need to approve them, they did not have preview. The illustrations pictured a window on the back of the house which would be changed to be a 20 over 20. Ms. Balfour also stated they would like to remove the aluminum siding and restore it to wood. Ms. Balfour also stated that project would be done in the spring. Chairman Brady stated if there was more time needed to finish the project to send a letter to the commission when it was approaching the year mark and the certificate of appropriateness could be renewed.

A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Rossi to construct a fire pit to be made of granite remove the vinyl siding and restore and repair the wood clapboard, and place a new window on the second floor, north side. It was also stated the application which was filed about a year ago should be renewed. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Rossi and carried by unanimous voice vote.

C-08-17 4 Norwich Road, Julia Balfour, requesting a certificate of appropriateness for exterior elements, landscaping, lighting, and signage. Assessor’s Map 17, Lot 84.

Mr. Nelson asked about the siding of 4 Norwhich rd Ms. Balfour stated the front of the building was wood but the other side were aluminum and they wished to change them to wood. Ms. Balfour stated they intended to make the front of the store into a new product line and have yoga classes starting in January. MS Balfour stated the front transom window would need to be replaced to accommodate for egress of the second floor I the front of the building. Mr. Nelson stated he was very much against changing the transom window of the house it was felt doing so would change the historic nature of the house. Mr. Talbot stated the window needed to be replaced to allow for a five foot seven foot egress to allow it to comply with code. Mr. Nelson suggested changing the transom window into a door to allow for an egress which would preserve the historic nature of the building and come close enough to satisfy the building inspector. Mr. Nelson stated an example of how this had been done in the Gelston house. Mr. Talbot stated they wanted to replace the two over two windows with 6 over 6 windows. Mr. Rossi stated it made sense and the house would not have originally had 2 over 2 windows it most likely would have had 6 over 6. Ms. Balfour stated the signs would mirror the sign design on 3 Norwhich road. It was also stated they intention was to pave an asphalt driveway curtain install a drain and change the rest of the dive way to charcoal colored cobblestone. Dive way. It was also stated a metal grate would be placed under the grass to allow for a grass parking lot without ruining the grass. Chairman Brady asked Ms. Balfour what shew planned on doing with the door Ms. Balfour stated it would be restored. Ms. Balfour also state she would like to have two marble spherical shaped ornaments placed with one on either side of the house. Mr. Nelsons made a motion to
approve C-08-17 as was proposed, with the Stipulation the gable window remain intact at least in appearance the motion was seconded by Mr. Rossi and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The employees of Jewl left at 8:45 pm. At this time, Ms. Hanes presented herself to the commission and discussion ensued.

**Adjournment:** There being no new business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Nelson The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wonneberger