

East Haddam Historic District Commission

The River House

7:30 PM

May 20, 2014

Members Present: Will Brady, David Nelson, Chris Miller, Pam Rubenbauer(alternant), Steve Rossi and Joseph Zirlis

Others Present: Craig Mansfield George Fellner, Craig Laliberte and Rebecca Wonneberger(recording Secretary)

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic district was called to order by Chairman Brady at 7:25pm with a quorum present and the consent of the public.

Public Hearing: C-03-14 Charles and Eva Bunnell are seeking approval for the construction of a detached three car garage and studio above Located at 496 Town Street East Haddam, CT 06423 Assessor's map 47 lot 110

Mr. Laliberte presented the green cards at this time. Mr. Laliberte stated he was representing the Bunnell's. Chairman Brady stated the commission required a letter stating he was representing the Bunnell's for the records. Mr. Laliberte said he would obtain a letter of representation for the records.

Mr. Laliberte said the Bunell's planned to construct a detached three car garage with a studio to be located above. He also stated they would be regarding the property behind the garage to deal with drainage. Mr. Laliberte presented sketches of the proposed project to the commission. He also provided a pictures of the simulated divided lite windows that would be used in the garage. The garage door to be used looked like the doors on a carriage house and the siding would be wood clapboard. Ms. Miller stated she was concerned about the size of the building. Mr. Rossi stated it was the appropriate size for a carriage house and the district needed more out buildings. Mr. Zirlis asked about the location of the septic system and Mr. Laliberte pointed out where the septic system would be located and said the interior design had not been fully discussed yet. Chairman Brady asked about exterior lighting. Mr. Laliberte stated they had not yet discussed what type if outdoor lighting would be used.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to approve C-03-14 with the stipulation any exterior lighting would need prior approval from the commission. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IMr. Laliberte left at 8:05 pm at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Informal Discussion: Mr. Fellner appeared before the commission with up dates on the grange and town hall project. Mr. Fellner present the commission with pictures of the new ramp currently located in front of the grange. Mr. Fellner stated the commission had requested the trim of the ramp be painted gray and he felt the white looked better. Mr. Nelson said any color paint was fine because the commission did not have jurisdiction over paint color. Mr. Mansfield asked about changing the color of the grange door to a color other than white. Mr. Nelson stated that green to match the sign would look nice. Mr. Feller left at 8:07pm.

Mr. Mansfield then presented new signs for the historic district. Chairman Brady and Ms. Miller said it needed to have a two post design and not a hanging one. Mr. Nelson felt the sign had too many words and should be simplified to make it easier to read and did not want the sign to include a picture. Furter discussion of the sign ensued.

Mr. Mansfield stated the town wanted to reroof the Millington green school house. After some discussion the commission recommended either the darker driftwood or weathered wood color be used. Mr. Manfield left at 8:28pm.

Chairman Brady made a motion to table the minutes until next month Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Rossi the meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.