

HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**EAST P.O. Box K
East Haddam, CT 06423
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

**7:30 p.m.
River House
Minutes**

Members Present: Will Brady, Chris Miller, David Nelson, Steve Rossi and Joe Zirlis

Others present: Mary Ann Cannella, Joe Vega David Talbot and Rebecca Wonneberger
recording Secretary

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District commission was called to order at 7:37 upon the arrival of a quorum.

Informal Discussion: Ms. Cannella appeared before the East Haddam Historic District commission to present a picture of a proposed sign to be used in front of the Barber shop to be located at 30 Main Street East Haddam. Ms. Cannella stated she intended to use the current pole which has all ready on in place. Chairman Beady stated he had been spoken to by a few people with concerns about parking at the location. Ms. Cannella stated the business would be mostly appointment only and parking would not be a problem. Chairman Brady and Mr. Nelson both expressed the sign was very nice stylistically but, was very difficult to read while driving by and suggested a more clear easily readable font be used. Mr. Zirlis stated the Barbershop poles on the sign were very distinctive and gave a clear picture of what the business was. Mr. Rossi asked if the sign would be double sided and Ms. Cannella confirmed it would be double sided. Ms. Miller suggested placing the phone number on the sign. Ms. Cannella stated she thought it stood out more underneath. Mr Rossi asked if the sign would be lit up at night. Mr. Vega asked what would change if they did decide to light the sign up. Mr. Nelson said normally the sign would be lit up from the ground and would be hidden with some sort of shrubbery, or goose neck lamps were also used to illuminate a sign at night. Chairman Brady stated if they wished for it to be lit it needs to be in the application. Chairman Brady also suggested a barber pole. Ms. Cannella stated she would have a small one inside the window, drawings were presented. Mr. Rossi also stated there may be need of a parking sign indicating where to park which would also need to be included in the application. Mr. Nelson stated as long as the barber pole was not neon and was inside it would not need to be on the application. Ms. Cannella stated she intended to also install a

field stone walkway between the barber shop and the parking lot. Chairman Brady stated a lot of materials for the walkway would be needed and a plot plan showing where the walk way would go. Ms. Canella and Mr. Vega left at 7:55 pm.

Mr. Talbot appeared before the Historic District commission and stated he would be doing the garage renovation for 3 the business known as Jewl. Chairman Brady stated he noticed a number of changes to the property which had not been reviewed before the commission. Chairman Brady stated there were light in the back parking lot, extensive stone work and lights on the signs and even the signs which were up were not the way they should have been on the original application. Mr. Talbot said he could only speak about the proposed renovations to the garage. Chairman Brady stated someone with decision making authority needed to appear before the commission for the May meeting and speak to the changed which had been made and all of the proposed changes should be included in the application. Mr. Nelson stated he liked the way the sign was presented but the proper procedure for approval needs to be followed. Mr. Talbot waked what can or would be done about the changes which had been made without the consent of the historic district. Chairman Brady stated the commission prefers to work with the property owners to make changes and if the property owner will not work with the commission a Judge can order the property owner to remove the work which has been done without the districts consent.

Mr. Rossi stated he was trying to understand the drawings of the garage which had been presented. Mr. Nelson asked what type of material would be used for the project. Mr. Talbot asked what the commission preferred Mr. Nelson stated the commission preferred wood or a very high grade simulated wood. Mr. Talbot felt the most like material choice would be cedar. Mr. Nelson stated he liked the shiplap siding and the rolling doors on the garage. Mr. Nelson also stated he wanted them to keep the character of an outbuilding in what was to be used as the garbage shed. It was felt by the commission the proposed garbage shed looked like a cottage and should look like an out building. Mr. Rossi suggested looking at other out buildings for inspiration. Chairman Brady reiterated someone with decision making authority needs to come to next month's meeting to speak about the changes which had been made and all of the changes need to be included in the application. Chairman Brady asked if there would be utilities to be used in the garage. Mr. Talbot stated there was all ready electricity and heat. Chairman Brady asked about water. Mr. Talbot stated water would be almost impossible to install and was not in the pans at this time. Mr. Talbot asked if there would need to be an application to remove the aluminum siding. Mr. Nelson stated they needed and application any time there was a change in material for example going from aluminum siding to wood siding needed an application however, a repair with the same materials did not. Mr. Talbot left at 8:40 pm.

Chairman's report: Chairman Brady stated the house across the street from him had pulled out some windows which were not it the original application. He also stated he would try to speak with the contractors tomorrow and see what the plan or those windows was. Ms. Wonneberger stated Dr. Stofko had asked if an application had been received from the business "Adore", Ms Wonneberger stated they had not received an application. Chairman Brady stated he would bring this to Mr. Ventrusue's attention. Mr. Rossie also asked about the shed behind the new barber shop and Chairman Brady stated he would speak about this as well.

Adjournment: There being no further 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 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Rebecca Wonneberger
Recording Secretary