

East Haddam Historic District Commission

April 19, 2011

7:30 pm

The River House

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District Commission was called to order by Chairman Will Brady on Tuesday April 19, 2011 at 7:31 pm at the River House

2. Attendance

Will Brady, David Nelson, Karl Stofko, Joseph Zirlis, Chris Miller, Steve Rossi, Michael Marsden & Pamela Rubenbauer

Others Present:

Marc Walter, Bob Casner, Ralph Parridy, and Rebecca Wonneberger as recording Secretary

3. Public Hearing

C-01-11- Town of East Haddam

Request for approval to modify the existing parking and driveway configuration in the front of the Town Hall and Grange Buildings at 488 Town Street. Change the current lighting to an array of lighting fixtures more appropriate to the site.

Mr. Casner and Mr. Walter presented drawings of the proposal, which were detailed at length by the commission. Highlights of the review included:

- Relocation of the East Haddam food bank to the grange
- An elimination of the current south driveway and make it a green
- Widening of the center driveway and additional parking behind the grange
- Elimination of current lighting and the addition of time appropriate light fixtures in front of the Town Hall and Grange motion detector lighting to back parking lot
- Repair of the stone walls and possible addition of more
- Replacement of the current asphalt shingles with a weathered wood asphalt shingle
- Handicapped parking for the town hall would be moved to the north side
- Dr. Stoko raised some questions about the driveway angle being able to accommodate large trucks

Motion by Mr. Nelson seconded by Mr. Marsden for the Historic District Commission to grant approval of C-01-11; The Town of East Haddam to convert the grange into the town food bank, with the addition of handicapped access a change to lighting and the driveway. Chairman Brady suggested adding the condition that is the town decided to move the Hans Warneke sculpture they need to come before the commission again. Mr. Nelson amended his motion to include the stipulation and Mr. Marsden seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter and Mr. Casner left at this time, 8:10 pm.

Chairman Brady Reopened C-06-10 Janet Kelly Street East Haddam, CT 06423 Assessor's Map 26, Lot 9 Ralph Parridy representing Bob Smith said he was there about the demolition. Dr. Stofko asked if Mr. Parridy had the application for demolition. Mr. Parridy said he did not. Discussion ensued, the highlights included the following

- The commission requested a copy of the form letter sent to all the neighbors
- Told Mr. Parridy an application had to be filed with the town all by noon on the last Tuesday of the month before the application was to be heard.
- The commission was asked to offer an opinion to planning and zoning about the river side of the house. Chairman Brady stated it was not under the commissions jurisdiction , it was not historically accurate to have that many windows but, it was in keeping with the other houses in the area.

Mr. Parridy left at this time

4. Informal discussion:

Mr. Nelson made a motion to add the discussion signage of First Church to the agenda. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nelson stated a proposed Eagle Scout project will be to purchase and install a new sign for first church. The Sign would be 7 ½ feet wide by 7 ½ feet tall. The sign would be similar to the one in front of the congregational church in both Haddam and Higginum. A lengthy discussion of the sign ensued.

Chairman Brady stated the mail box in front of first church was placed in the ground and stated

he did not know if it was done at the request of the postal service or not. Dr. Stofko stated they had a previous arrangement with the postal service about all mail boxes being on the opposite side of the street. Chairman Brady stated he would contact the postal service in hopes of getting this issue resolved.

Chairman Brady reported he had been contacted about the Briggs property, the currant porch roof is leaking, they are thinking of replacing it with copper and will becoming before the commission soon. Mr. Nelson made a motion to table the Briggs discussion and Mr. Rossi seconded the motion it carried unanimously.

5. Adoption of the minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Mr. Rossi to accept the minutes as amended a second was made by Mr. Marsden and the minutes were adopted.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Stofko and seconded by Mr. Rossi the motion carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.