East Haddam Historic District Commission

May 17, 2011

7:30 pm

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 May 17, 2011 at 7:37 pm at the river house. Chairman Brady appointed Dr. Stofko to vote in place of Mr. Rossi.

2. **Attendance**

Will Brady, David Nelson, Joe Zirlis, Chris Miller, Pam Rubenbauer and Karl Stofko

Others present:
Allen Ponanski, Nicholas Kinsman, Steve Parady

3. **Public Hearings**

C-06-10 Chairman Brady made a motion to table the hearing until later in the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed unanimously.

C-02-11 Bruce and Kathy Briggs of 46 Main street East Haddam, CT 06423 Assessors Map 26 Lot 100 are seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace an existing wood shingle roof over covered porch with copper standing seam roof to alleviate an ongoing leaking issue.

Mr. Parady stated he was representing the Briggs. Mr. Parady also presented photographs of other properties with similar roofs. Mr. Briggs stated the Briggs wanted to use a ribbed copper to fix the porch roof and alleviate the leaking problem.

Motion by Mr. Nelson seconded by Dr. Stofko to grant Historic District commission approval for C-02-11 Bruce and Cathy Briggs to replace the existing wood shingle roof with ribbed copper on the property located on 46 Main street East Haddam, CT 06423 Assessors Map 26 Lot 100.

Mr. Parady requested two copy of the certificate be mailed one to the property owner and the other to 5 Matthews Drive East Haddam, CT 06423. The hearing was concluded at 7:50 pm

C-03-11 First Ecclesiastical Society of East Haddam First Church of Christ, Congregational of East Haddam Assessors Map 47 Lot 4 is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace the sign at 499 town street, relocate existing signposts and acceptance of a small informational sign at the entrance of the labyrinth of the church office.

Mr. Nelson stated he needed to recuse himself from the board on this application because he had signed the application. Dr. Stofko also recused himself. Chairman Brady appointed Ms. Rubenbauer to vote in place of Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Kinsman represented the First Ecclesiastical Society of East Haddam First Church of Christ, Congregational of East Haddam. He stated he was organizing the project for his eagle scout project. He presented the commission with pictures of a new sign for the church. Chairman Brady stated First Church requested the 50 fee be waved because they were a nonprofit organization, the commission waved the fee.

Mr. Kinsman presented the board with drawings of the proposed signs and pictures of a sign like the one proposed, specifically the Higganum sign. Highlights of the review included:

- Mr. Kinsman, who designed the sign in Higganum, and designed the sign located in Portland.
- The sign would be made of a high-density foam and 8 inches thick by 8 feet wide.
- A black and white sign with changeable lettering at the bottom.
- Ground level lighting to be shined upon the sign at night.
- An assortment of evergreen bushes to be planted around the base of the sign
- The new sign would be placed in the existing location 17 feet from the road

Chairman Brady asked Mr. Kinsman how the sign would be funded. Mr. Kinsman stated he would be doing the fund raising and organizing the instillation of the sign as part of his eagle scout project. Mr. Allen presented the green cards to the commission at this time.

Ms. Miller asked about changing the sign from the more modern roof line to an arch way and using the colonial pineapples as a welcome on the top of the sign. Mr. Nelson stated the pineapple was not consistent with the proper time era of the church. Mr. Brady also stated we could not change the shape of the sign at this time because the job of the commission was to review and vote on the proposal that was currently before them.

Chairman Brady asked about the type face on the sign and said he would prefer the type face be like the sign in Higganum. Chairman Brady also raised the issue of the size of the sign. The commission agreed that the sign was an appropriate size for the size of the building and the amount of land that was being used.

A motion was made by Chairman Brady to approve the sign as proposed with a stipulation be added that the type face be changes to look like the sign in Higganum. The motion was seconded by Ms. Miller two voted yea and one nay the motion passed 2-1.

C-06-10 Janet Kelly property Janet Kelly of 61 Main street East Haddam, CT 06423 Assessors Map 26 Lot 9 is seeking a modification to certificate of appropriateness C-06-10 to demolish the existing cape style in order to build the style approved in C-06-10. At 9 pm a motion was made by Mr. Nelson to demolish the existing red cape structure to allow for the plans in the certificate dated 12-21-10 to be built. Mr. Zirlis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously the hearing was concluded at 8:57 pm

Informal discussion

There was a brief discussion about the mailbox which had been placed in front of The First Church of East Haddam.

Payment of Bills

The commission voted to pay a bill in the amount of 170.41 to the Hartford courante in legal notices

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Dr. Stofko. The minutes passed unanimously. Ms. Miller left at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Zirlis and seconded by Dr. Stofko the vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted

Becky Wonneberger