

East Haddam Historic District Commission

November 15, 2011

7:30 pm

The River House

1. Call to Order

The East Haddam Historic District Commission was called to order by Chairman Will Brady on Tuesday November 15, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the river house. Chairman Brady appointed Pam Rubenbauer to vote in place of Mr. Rossi,

2. Attendance

Will Brady, David Nelson, Joseph Zirlis and Pam Rubenbauer

Others present:

Pete Powers

3. Public Hearing

C-07-11 Sarah Rahn and Debra Brickey of 65 Main Street East Haddam, CT 06423 Assessors Map 26 Lot11 is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace the existing 3 tab shingle roofing with architectural shingles.

At this time Mr. Powers contacted Ms. Brickey and Ms. Rahn via phone where they appointed Mr. Powers as their representative. Mr. Brady informed Ms. Brickey and Ms. Rahn via phone that a neighbor, Ms. Joan Ziemba sent a letter objecting not to the project itself but, to the fact that the proper procedure for making changes in a historic district had not been followed, because the roof was replaced before an application was filed with the historic district commission.

Mr. Powers stated Ms. Rahn and Ms. Brickey had chosen colonial grey shingles architectural shingles. Mr. Brady stated on or about October 17 he had a discussion with Jim Puska and Jim Ventres about the roof needing to be repaired because they felt there could be more inclement weather. The building inspector stated the repairs could be made but, they needed to come before the commission and receive approval. Mr. Nelson asked for a sample of the color that had been chosen. Mr. Powers presented him with a sample and Mr. Nelson stated it was ok. Mr. Powers said they tried to use a certificate of appropriateness that had been granted to the previous owners and he was told it was too old when he tried to pull the permit. Mr. Brady stated certificated do have expatriation dates.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the application, the motion was seconded by Ms. Rubenbauer the motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was concluded at 7:44 pm

4. Informal discussion

Mr. Brady stated he had received a copy of a letter from the East Haddam Economic Development commission to the state attorney general George Jepsen. The letterer referenced a property located at 307 Town Street East Haddam Ct, 06423 commonly known as the Palmer-Martin house. The letter suggested the property which is currently owned by Connecticut Landmarks should be turned over to the East Haddam Historical Society and the Historical society should run it as a house museum. Mr. Brady asked Ms. Rubenbauer if she was aware of what the economic development commission, wanted the historic district to do Ms. Rubenbauer stated she was not aware of the commissions intentions and discussion ensued.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to contact the East Haddam Historic society and send a letter of support in regards to the property located at 307 Town street should be turned over to the East Haddam Historic District. Ms. Rubenbauer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brady also reported that the legal notice for C-07-11 was published only 8 days before the hearing because the Hartford Courant wanted almost double the cost to run it state wide over the weekend.

Mr. Brady reported he had been approached, to see if the commission could grant some things as a standard approval. Mr. Zirlis stated he felt it would make a precedent and Mr. Nelson stated he felt that the state statutes would not allow for this to be done.

At this time Ms. Wonneberger presented the commission with the meeting schedule for next year for the commission's approval. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the schedule and it was seconded by Mr. Zirlis.

5. Adjournment:

With no further business to conduct the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Zirlis . The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Wonneberger