

East Haddam Historic District

Minutes

April 17, 2012

7:30 pm

The River House

1. Call to order

The Regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District was called to order at 7:32 upon the arrival of a quorum.

2. Attendance

Will Brady, Chris Miller, David Nelson, Steve Rossi, Pam Rubenbauer and Joseph Zirlis

Others present: Jerry Littner, Suzanne Littner, Matthew Carroll, Tracey Carroll, Bob Scherrer and Carol Scherrer

3. Public Hearings

C-02-12 Jerry and Suzanne Littner of 86 Millington rd East Haddam, CT 06423 To Install a classic cedar pergola, 14' x 19' x 8' on existing terrace, stain to match the color of the house, and the installation of a generator. Assessor's map 51, Lot 52

Chairman Brady stated the Littners wanted to install a classic cedar pergola 14'x19'x8' he also stated the Littner's had presented pictures of other pergolas and a picture of their house. Chairman Brady also stated they wished to install a generator. Mrs. Littner stated the generator would be located behind the stone wall. Chairman Brady asked about lighting Mrs. Littner stated she had looked at lanterns and they were not planning on installing any outdoor lighting at this time. Chairman Brady also asked if there would be a covering on the pergola Mrs. Littner stated there would not be a roof only the cedar slats. Mrs. Littner presented the green cards at this time along with three undelivered letters. Ms. Miller stated the house looked like it should have a pergola. Chairman Brady asked Mrs. Littner to mark the location of the generator on the map. Mrs. Littner marked the location and stated the generator would be behind the stone wall. Mr. Rossi had Mrs. Littner extend the arrow to clarify the plot map. Mr. Littner stated the generator would be feed off of an underground propane tank.

Mr. Rossi made a motion to approve the application Ms. Rubenbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing was concluded at 7:45 pm. The Littners left at his time.

C- 01-12 Matthew Carroll of 5 Norwich rd East Haddam, CT 06423 Will be installing and painting new sign for swing Bridge Wine and Spirits (formerly Hayden Wine and Spirits.)
Assessor's map 17, Lot 25 C- 01-12

Chairman Brady stated there was a sign to be added to the front and side of the marquee structure located at 5 Norwich rd. Mr. Carroll presented many pictures of what the sign would look like. Chairman Brady stated the sign would be midnight blue and have white lettering. Chairman Brady asked about lighting. Mr. Carroll stated at this time they were not planning on using additional lighting because it would be light out until 9 pm and that is when they close so felt they did not need any now, but would revisit the issue in the fall. Mr. Carroll presented the green cards at this time. He also stated they were going to enlarge the lettering of wine and spirits to match the swing bridge.

Mr. Zirlis asked about the end of the sign and Mr. Carroll stated it would be white, he also stated the lighting on the west side would be removed. Mr. Nelson stated he liked the logo he did not like the diamonds on the sign he felt it was not historically appropriate. Ms. Miller suggested using something historical from the building in place of the diamonds. Mr. Rossi stated he did not like the diamonds either and asked if there were two store fronts at 5 Norwich rd. Chairman Brady stated that litigation had clarified there were two store fronts under one address. Mr. Nelson felt they should enlarge the logo and use more of the marquee because it was all ready a sign. Mr. Rossi suggested replacing the diamonds with a white line. Mr. Zirlis said he also liked the idea of a line Chairman Brady suggested moving the logo in the front of the window so it would be centered over the window and have a more a symmetrical look.

Ms. Miller stated the lettering on the Ice Machine was over powering and asked if Mr. Carrol could change it. Mr. Carroll stated he leased the machine so they could not make any changes to it. Mr. Nelson stated he liked centering the logo over the window. Mrs. Scherrer suggested putting a smaller sign on the marquee to give it a more three dimensional look. Further discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Ms. Rubenbauer to approve the sign at 5 Norwich rd with the stipulation they enlarge swing bridge spirits logo adding a horizontal line instead of the diamonds and place the location of the logo over the window the placement of the sign would remain the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson the motion passed unanimously and the hearing was concluded at 8:45 pm the Scherrer's and the Carrols left at this time.

4. Informal discussion

Chairman Brady announced there would be a meeting on April 18, 2012 at the town hall about the farmers co-op

Chairman Brady also stated he had been in touch with Charlie Farrow about the 100th bridge celebration. Chairman Brady reported Mr. Farrow stated there had been a committee

formed for the 100th bridge celebration and he would invite Mr. Farrow to the next meeting of the historic district commission.

Chairman Brady stated that he had been in touch with Ms. Doherty about her windows, Ms Doherty said she wanted to make the windows as energy efficient as possible and Chairman Brady told her Venal Windows may not be the best choice for her house.

5. Chairman's report:

Chairman Brady said he had been contacted by Marc Walter about being put on the agenda for next month to discuss the handicapped access.

Chairman also stated there were repairs being made to the Murphy house, and they would be using like materials.

6. Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Chairman Brady. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rossi and Seconded by Mr. Zirlis the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J Wonneberger

Secretary