

## **East Haddam Historic District Commission**

**June 19, 2012**

**7:30 p.m.**

**River House**

**Call to order:** The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District Commission was called to order by Chairman Will Brady on Tuesday July 17, 2012 at 7:40 pm at the river house upon the arrival of a quorum.

**Attendance:** Will Brady, Chris Miller, David Nelson, Pam Rubenbauer, Joe Zirlis

**Others Present:** Madeline Doherty

**Public Hearing:** C-04-12 Madeline Doherty of 4 Bonfoey Rd East Haddam is seeking approval for the addition of a 13 x 18 foot deck to be added to the west side of the house. Assessor's Map 26 Lot 89 adjacent to the new addition.

Ms. Doherty stated she planned on adding a deck to the house with a rail for safety, she also stated she was considering two different types of railing- one that was aluminum and glass and the other would match which is currently on the porch. Mr. Nelson stated there was a glass fence like what she was considering using on the Gelston house and it had a very nice effect. Chairman Brady asked about the footing for the deck, Ms. Doherty said the building inspector was aware of the number of footing on the deck. Ms. Miller stated she preferred the original railing like what was on the porch but, did not object to the other.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to approve the application for the deck with the choice of either wood railing to match the porch or the glass and aluminum railing at the discretion of the owner. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rubenbauer. The motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing was concluded at 7:55 Ms. Doherty left at this time.

### **Informal Discussion**

Chairman Brady stated he had received an email about all of the temporary signs near the grange and the old town hall. The resident stated they were unattractive and that they thought there were regulations about signs in a historic district. Discussion ensued. Chairman Brady suggested everyone look at more attractive options for permanent changeable signs to be used in that area. Chairman Brady also stated he would be forwarding the email to the first selectman and Jim Ventrus.

Chairman Brady said he had been contacted by Ron Brennan and he was interested in rejoining the historic district commission, Chairman Brady also stated he had spoken to Linda and was told that he needed to fill out a new application before he could be nominated. **Mr. Nelson made a motion to nominate Mr. Brennan contingent upon him filling out an application, Ms. Rubenbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Miller said that the Economic Development commission had been discussing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the bridge and presented the commission with a letter stating ideas for the celebration. (see attached.)

#### **Bill Payment**

Ms. Wonneberger presented the bill from the Hartford Courant in the amount of \$180.40 from legal notices. Chairman Brady stated that the Hartford courant was practicing extortion over the price of legal notices and again stated he thought they should be published in the Reminder. Ms Rubenbauer made a motion to pay the Hartford Courant Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

#### **Minutes**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes with the change of non compliant ram to non compliant ramp Ms. Rubenbauer seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss Ms. Rubenbauer made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Wonneberger