

East Haddam Historic District Commission

April 16, 2013

7:30 pm

The River House

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm upon the arrival of a quorum.

Members present

Pam Rubenbauer, Will Brady, Steve Rossi and Joe Zirlis

Other present

Lisa Mc Nellis, Kim Root, Rick Stewart Chuck Fitzgerald, Rebecca Wonneberger recording secretary

Public Hearing

Ms. Mc Nellis and Mr. Root of 68 Main Street East Haddam are seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace the existing windows with Marvin Ultimate Insert Replacement windows. Assessor's Map 26 Lot 92 .

Ms .Mc Nellis presented the green cards at this time and stated the fee had been paid to the town hall.

Ms. Mc Nellis also presented the commission with a written description of t the Marvin ultimate replacement windows they wished to used and submitted them for the record. Ms. Mc Nellis also stated the wanted to make all the windows six over six including the ones on the second story which are currently two over one. Mr. Rossi asked about the color of the trim, and Mr. Root stated they would match the current color. Mr. Rossi also asked if it was possible to obtain the two over one style windows. Mr. Stewart stated it was possible to order them that way as well. Ms. Mc Nellis stated the wanted to change to the six over six style to return the house to the way it was. Chairman Brady stated the house was at one time a one room colonial, then a one story cape, and finally the porch was added to make it look more Victorian. Mr. Zirlis said he favors the look of the six over six and Ms. Rubenbauer stated she also liked the look of the six over six.

A motion was made by Ms. Rubenbauer to approve the Marvin ultimate replacement windows with the six over six configuration. Mr. Zirlis seconded the motion with two Yeas and one Nay in favor of the existing window configuration.

The public hearing was concluded at 7:50 pm.

Informal discussion

Chairman Brady stated it had been a long time since we had the commission appointments renewed and some terms had expired Chairman Brady made a motion to make all terms current to the end of the year the motion was seconded by Mr. Rossi and carried unanimously.

At 8:03 Mr. Smith arrives representing Janet Kelly. Mr. Smith stated Ms. Kelly wanted to install fence for her dogs, she planned on having the fence set back about 20 feet from the road. Mr. Zirlis asked about an invisible fence and Mr. Smith stated Ms. Kelly did not want to use the invisible fence. Mr. Smith stated she like the look of a split rail fence as opposed to the picket fence she would leave it cedar colored and would also install a metal mesh behind it. Mr. Smith stated she would pick up garage and start the fence. Ms. Rubenbauer asked how high the fence would be and Mr. Smith stated the fence would be about four feet high further discussion ensued. Chairman Brady stated Ms. Kelly should also look at other types of fences for the property. Mr. Rossi also suggested she bring some samples of the material with her. Mr. Smith left at 8:30pm.

Chairman Brady present the draft of the letter to the DOT at this time and it was discussed and modified. Chairman Brady also stated he wondered about the condition of the sign located at 32 Main street. Had 2x4 holding it up And he stated he would call them about it.

Chairman Brady also stated there would be a form on historic barns on June 7 and 8th and interested persons could go to www.connecticutbarns.org for details.

The Bridge celebration

Ms. Rubenbauer stated there would not be a lot for the 100th anniversary of the East Haddam Bridge they would be hanging buntings and there would be a small parade across it. She also stated the town of Haddam had volunteered to help hang the buntings but, they were only allowed to stay up for two weeks.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Brady and seconded by Mr. Rossi the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wonneberger

