

East Haddam Historic District Commission

May 21, 2013

7:30PM

The River House

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District commission was called to order at 7:30PM by David Nelson as acting chairman because Chairman Will Brady was out of town. Mr. Nelson appointed Dr. Stofko to the status to fill in for Mr. Nelson.

Members Present

Chris Miller, Joe Zirlis, Steve Rossi, Karl Stofko, David Nelson and Pam Rubenbauer

Others Present

George Fellner, Jon Peters and Rebecca Wonneberger as Recording Secretary

Public Hearing

C-02-13 George Fellner, AIA is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to relocate the 3'x3' tenant sign from the property across the street to replace the large tenant sign on the existing sign structure. Mr. Fellner also wishes to relocate the 7"x7" sign with some information to add to the front entry near or on the porch. Additionally, Mr. Fellner would like to add a small attorney tenant sign to match the existing sign design. The property is located at 15 Main Street, East Haddam, CT 06423 Assessors Map 17, Lot 5.

Mr. Fellner is relocating his business across the street and wants to move the sign to the new location. He stated it was a double-sided sign; sketches and green cards were submitted at this time. Mr. Fellner also stated he would be moving the 7"x7" sign from the current property to the new one and the sign would be located on the porch. Mr. Rossi asked if any lighting or sign changes would be made. Mr. Fellner stated that no changes would be made.

A motion was made by Mr. Rossi to approve C-02-13. Ms. Rubenbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Informal Discussion

Mr. Peters stated he was the new owner of the business at 32 Main Street called 32 Main Street. Mr. Peters hopes to be open in time for the Centennial Bridge Celebration. Mr. Peters said he would need a sign for his business; he presented sketches of the sign that is temporarily located at 32 Main Street and hopes for the sign to become permanent. The sign is wooden and is white, black, yellow and orange with a coffee cup with the word "Eatery" written in script. Ms. Miller stated she had seen the sign and felt the text was very difficult to read. Mr. Peters felt the coffee cup was the most important aspect of the sign. Mr. Peters also intended to flatten out both the top and bottom of the sign because he felt that would make it more in accordance with the historic district; further discussion of the sign's style ensued.

Mr. Peters stated that because the business was to be a restaurant, they needed to install exhaust fans to deal with the heat and smoke produced when cooking. Mr. Peters presented a sketch with two fans to be placed on the post office side of the building. The fans would protrude from the wall about 16 inches and they would be replacing two windows currently located there. Mr. Peters stated he was willing to paint them yellow to blend in better. Mr. Peters stated there was another much more expensive option that had been suggested. That option was to locate one fan located on the roof to work for both hoods; additional sketches were presented at this time. Mr. Peters stated there would not be any frying at the establishment. Mr. Nelson stated because there is an alternative to replacing the historic window structure of the building, the commission would be more likely to approve the vent coming out of the roof. Mr. Nelson also stated the proposal of the fans located on the side of the building would not be approved. Mr. Rossi asked if 32 would have outdoor seating; Mr. Peters stated that was not in the plans at this time.

A motion was made by Dr. Stofko to have temporary permission to place the exhaust fan in the roof. Ms. Rubenbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nelson stated Mr. Peters should email pictures of what the fan would look like and the commission wanted the fan to match the roof's color of as closely as possible. Mr. Nelson stated the picture should be emailed to Chairman Brady for distribution to the commission. Mr. Peters left at 8:30 pm.

Mr. Nelson stated La Vita Gostosa was hoping to add a temporary smoker for smoked meat to be served. Mr. Nelson stated the property may present challenges for the addition of a smoker; further informal discussion ensued.

100th Anniversary of the Bridge

Mr. Nelson stated there was a lot planned for the celebration to be held on June 15, including cooperation from the Valley Railroad and river boat. Mr. Nelson said to consult the town website for a full list of details and activities.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Ms Miller and seconded by Ms. Rubenbauer. The Motion passed with five yeas and one abstention.

Bill Payment

A bill from the Hartford Courant was presented by Ms. Wonneberger for legal advertising. The bill was in the amount of 90.22. **A motion to pay the bill in the amount of 90.22 was made by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Dr. Stofko; the motion passed unanimously.**

Further informal discussion

Dr. Stofko was informed by the bank that the Historic District Commissions Account had been inactive for a long time and needed to be updated or the

account would be closed. Dr. Stofko stated the pass book could not be located thus the account had been inactive. Dr. Stofko stated he made a five dollar deposit to keep the account open; the current balance of the account was \$126.02. Ms. Wonneberger was asked to consult Mrs. Denette what should be done in order to change the account so that nobody needed a pass book and the balance could be viewed online.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a **motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rosssi and seconded by Ms. Rubenbauer. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.**