

East Haddam Historic District Commission

August 20, 2013

7:30pm

River House

Attendance:

Members

Will Brady

Chris Miller

David Nelson

Joe Zirlis

Pam Rubenbauer (alternate)

Dr. Karl Stofko (alternate)

Others

Dennis Tovey

Mickie Mackenzie

Doreen Thompson

Colin Kagel jr.

Becky Wonneberger (recording Secretary)

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District was called to order by Chairman Will Brady at 7:30 pm. Chairman Brady appointed Ms. Rubenbauer (alternate) to be a voting member in place of Mr. Rossi who was absent.

Public Hearing

C-06-13 Doreen Thompson of 9 Norwich Road East Haddam, CT is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to install a picket fence, install an exterior stairway, and to install a chimney pipe. Assessor's Map 17 Lot 27

Ms Thompson stated they are not planning on making the changes to the chimney at this time, they may plan on the installation of a propane stove at a later time. Mr. Nelson stated it would be best to leave it in because they can approve it and come back within one year and the application could be renewed. Ms. Thompson stated the stairway would be located on the right side of the house the stairway would be made of wood. Ms. Thompson also stated the picket fence would be made of spruce and painted white and would be approximately 120 feet in length. Ms. Thompson also stated the stairway would have a hand railing. Ms. Thompson stated the lighting would be located at the top and bottom of the stairs, mounted to the building and would look like what was on the front of the house. The installation would stick out about two feet from the roof. Chair Main Brady clarified the box window at the top of the stairway would become a a door and the two windows would remain, Ms. Thompson confirmed. Chairman Brady also read in a letter that had been received from the Goodspeed stating they had no objections to the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to accept C-06-13, the instillation of a picket fence approximately 120feet in length as described in the application, install an exterior stairway on the east side of the building and the installation of a chimney pipe. Ms. Rubenbauer seconded the motion. The motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

C-07-13 St Stephen's Church of 31 Main Street East Haddam is seeking renewal to reroof the parish hall and the rectory. Assessor's Map 17 Lot 12 Ms. Rubenbaur recused herself at this time and Chairman Brady appointed Dr. Stofko to vote in place of Mr. Rossi. Mr. Tovey representing St Stephen's church stated they needed to reroof the parish hall and planned on using like materials. Mr. Nelson stated if they would be using like materials there was no need for an application. Mr. Tovey stated he needed something from the historic district because they were receiving a grant for the work to be done.

A motion to approve C-07-13 was made by Mr. Nelson to approve reroofing the parish hall and rectory. Mr. Zirlis seconded the motion.

Chairman Brady stated they would table application c-05-13 because there was no one present to represent them. The Commission noted it looked like they were going to renew application c-03-11 but, are tabling this until confirmation can be made.

Informal Discussion

Chairman Brady stated he had been contacted by Cole McCormick about the proposed sign to be placed in front of the grange and town hall. Chairman Brady presented sketches of the sign at this time. Mr. Nelson stated the spelling of farmers' Market is correct on the sign and it looks good. Chairman Bready stated he did not see the name of the type face listed .

Mr Nelson noted all of the suggested corrections had been made

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to grant approval, if an application was filed with the town by the last Tuesday in August. Mr. Zirlis seconded the motion, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Mackenzie asked about a sign she had seen on a telephone pole for a tag sale in the historic district. Mr. Nelson stated that any signs on telephone poles were illegal anywhere and if the contacted Connecticut light and power they would remove the. Further discussion ensued about what makes a temporary sign.

Ms. Rubenbauer presented a an idea including some information about installing led lights on the East Haddam Bridge including a possible grant which could be used to help fund the project, further discussion ensued.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes, with changing code to made and the correction of O'dell to Odell was made by mr. Nelson and seconded by Dr. Stofko

Adjournment

A monition to adjourn was made by Dr. Stofko and seconded by Mr. Nelson the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm