

Historic District Commission

River House

7:30

November 16, 2010

Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Will Brady, Chris Miller, David Nelson, Steve Rossi, Karl Stofko and Joseph Zirlis

**Guests:** Steven Albrecht, Robert Thompson

**Call to Order:** Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

**Informal Discussion:**

1. Chairman Brady stated Steven Albrecht of 2 Landing hill road stated he was interested in changing the current asphalt shingles to cedar shingles. Mr. Albrecht stated he wanted to use 5/8 inch red cedar shingles on the roof. Mr. Albrecht also is planning on using anti fungal strips ever 5 inches.

Mr. Nelson stated the house originally had wood shingles and was very happy to see the house have wood shingles again.

Mr. Albrecht stated there were also some repairs that needed to be done and he was painig on using like materials to do the repairs. Mr. Brady stated that is the repairs were made with like materials there was no need for the board's approval. Mr. Albrecht also stated the current roof leaks in a very heavy rain. Mr. Nelson encouraged Mr. Albrecht to make the repairs soon.

Mr. Albrecht also stated he was interested in possibly replacing the alumimim storm door with a different one from shagbark. Mr. Brady told him to include it in the application. Mr. Nelson also suggested adding a picture of the door to the application.

2. Chairman Brady stated he had been approached with a question about paving La Vita Gusto as parking lot and driveway. Chairman Brady also stated there was a lot of erosion. Bill Johnson of Cantrell rd was also approached about paving his driveway.
3. Chairman Brady stated he had seen Ms. Pam Rubenbauer several times around town and she said she was very interested in joining the commission, even as an alternant. Dr. Stofko made a motion

to write a letter to recommend her to the board of selectmen Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Dr. Stofko stated he spoke to Marc Walters about the demolition of historic structures not in the historic district. Dr. Stofko reported many different towns in Connecticut have an ordinance about demolition of historic properties not in a historic district. Dr. Stofko said he had received a copy if one towns from Deb Denette. The ordinance would form a committee and give them 180 day to review the structure and decide about approving demolition. The ordinances favor preservation and restoration but, in some cases the photographing and recording is acceptable. Questions about the middle school conversion committee and plans were raised, and discussion ensued.
5. Mr. Brady stated that Jim Ventrusus needed a copy of the committee's rules and regulations and of the committee. Ms. Wonneberger stated she would get as copy of them to Jim Ventrusus .
6. Ms. Miller brought up the issue about the ice cream Shoppe needing to bring in their signs at night, which they are not doing. Chairman Brady said he would bring up the issue to Jim Ventrusus.
7. The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Stofko and second seconded by Mr. Rossi the meeting was adjourned at 9:10.