

**Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room #102**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Charles Roberts, Regina Starolis, Patrick Walsh, Casey Donnelly, and Peter Pach.

**Absent:** Melissa Briere, Christopher Dart and Kara Pedersen.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M.

**Roll Call/ Seating of Alternates:** Roll call was taken. Present was Vice Chairman Patrick Walsh, and Regina Starolis. Casey Donnelly and Peter Pach were seated as alternate members.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Public Hearing:**

- a) **Application 577 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 1 Knowles Road - to install a white wood picket fence (5 ft at peak) inside the property at the back of the house - for applicants Ritchie and Kim Goldstein:** The applicants attended the meeting to present and answer questions. The homeowners want to install a white wooden picket fence inside the property lines at the back of the house. It will be a New England picket fence with Arrow Fence. There is septic remediation happening on the property. The fence will be installed a distance off the property line to give the applicants space to plant gardens. The fence will be no higher than 5 feet at the edges and below 5 feet in the middle. There will be a few gates built into the fence. There will be a gate by the driveway, in the back for access to the shed, and a gate on the other side of the house. The fence would be made of cedar planks stained white. It was suggested to use screws instead of nails to fasten the pickets of the fence. The applicants stated the importance of having the fence authentic to the age of the house. The homeowners want to keep the time period and style of the house with the fence. The pickets will be installed closer together to have more privacy and for safety. *A motion was made by Ms. Donnelly, seconded by Mr. Pach, to approve of Application 577 as submitted with the condition that the fence is no higher than 5 feet. Voted 5-0 in favor.*
- b) **Application 578 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 91 Middle Haddam Road – to install a 6 ft cedar wood perimeter privacy-style fence - for applicant Judith A. Keefe:** The applicant wasn't present at the meeting to answer the member's questions. The homeowner has already installed the fence on the property without the commission's approval. The applicant discussed and asked for advice about the fence with Chairman

Roberts before installing. It was suggested that the homeowner fill out an application to go before the commission to get approval to put in the fence. *A motion was made by Mr. Pach, seconded by Ms. Starolis, to table the application for next month's meeting to have the applicant attend the meeting. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2023 (with address and name corrections):** *A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Walsh, to approve of the February 23, 2023 meeting minutes with the changes to Paul Rapo's name and Mr. MacKeown's address. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Correspondence:** Chairman Roberts wrote a letter about the fence at 91 Middle Haddam Road and sent it to the Town Manager. The letter was then sent out to the homeowners.

**Reports:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The members discussed what happens with a Certificate of Appropriateness for a property when homeowners move. The COA goes to the property not the homeowner.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Pach, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk