

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room #201

Minutes

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

Absent: Christopher Dart and Kara Pedersen

Call to Order: Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

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

Public Remarks: The members wanted to take a moment to remember Regina Starolis. The members appreciated her dedicated work on the commission and her friendship outside of the meetings.

Public Hearing:

- a) **Application 582 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 34 Long Hill Road - to replace 21 windows which will match existing grille pattern – for applicants Chris Jolley and Emily Campbell:** Applicant Chris Jolley and Renewal by Anderson representative Adam Nowakowski attended the meeting to present to the commission members. The homeowner plans to replace 21 windows which will match the grille pattern on the existing windows on the house. The small kitchen window above the sink will be replaced with an awning window that tilts outward when opened. The window casings are a composite material. The glass is double paned with the bevels in between the glass. The replacement windows will match the existing windows with the six over six pattern. The existing window casings will be replaced with white casings. *A motion was made by Ms. Donnelly, seconded by Mr. Pach, to approve of application 582 as discussed. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Approval of Minutes: May 25, 2023: *A motion was made by Mr. Pach, seconded by Mr. Walsh, to approve of the May 25, 2023 regular meeting minutes with the changes to add 'an' and remove the 's' from members under roll call to let it read as 'Casey Donnelly was seated as an alternate member'. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Correspondence: Mr. DeCarli sent a seven page correspondence regarding the residence on 33 High Point. There is an easement for a strip of land to be a buffer zone on the property. The easement was filed in the 70's or 80's. The current owner performed work within the easement area by adding a driveway and stairs. Someone in the community noticed the work and reported

to the town. The homeowner needs to remove what was added since it is in violation of the easement. Also, Mary Lou Martino of Better Home and Siding Improvements has done some work in town. She contacted the Chairman to ask if she needed to submit an application to replace clapboards on the garage in back of the house at 72 Middle Haddam Road. She plans to replace the clapboards with matching cedar clapboards. She was informed that she would need to submit an application for that work.

Reports: None

Old Business: Chairman Roberts called the attorney for Judy Keefe, but no response has been made. The chairman was reaching out to find out if they had a plan for the fence. They should be ready to submit something for the August meeting. Since there has been no progress on the fence issue; if they don't submit an application for next month's meeting the commission should go to the town to take action.

New Business: A lot of dirt was being removed, from 46 Middle Haddam Road, to install an above ground pool in the yard. The pump for the pool was also installed and is visible from the road. The pool is set a foot into the ground, which is why so much dirt was removed. Mr. DeCarli will send a letter to the homeowner about the installation of the pool without a permit and without the commission's approval. The members briefly discussed Ms. Donnelly's neighbor's in-ground pool and what it would possibly look like around the pool. There may be a patio around the pool. The patio may be seen from the road but the pool wouldn't been seen. An application may be submitted for a future meeting. There is a new house going in on Long Hill Road. The driveway went through an old stone wall which was the cause of the issue. It was mentioned that Mr. Pach's neighbor is replacing his cedar clapboards like for like. The members would need to elect a new clerk at next month's meeting. It was suggested to ask if either Ms. Donnelly or Mr. Pach could be moved up to regular member from alternate. But that will need to go before the Town Council to get approval.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Ms. Donnelly, seconded by Mr. Pach, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk