EAST HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town of East Haddam

Municipal Office Complex

1 Plains road

P.O. Box 385

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Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 16. 2021

7:30 p.m.

Municipal Office Complex

Meeting Room 1

Minutes

Member Present: Will, Brady, Keith Bunnell, Chris Miller, Steve Rossi, Karl Stofko and Joe Zirlis

Others Present: Larry Rau and Rebecca Wonneberger (recording secretary)

Call to order: The regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic district commission was called to order at 7:33 pm by Chairman Will Brady.

Informal Discussion: Mr. Rau Stated they purchased 12 Landing Hill Rd about 6 months ago. Mr. Rau also reported at this point in time they had plans to fix the chimney, and change on of the upstairs bedrooms into a bathroom. Mr. Rau also reports they wanted to change the driveway and widen it so it would be about 30 feet by 40 feet. He also stated they planned on using crushed pea stone as a material for the driveway. Mr. Rossi stated they should be mindful of the drainage when changing the driveway because of what other people in the area had experienced with stone driveways washing away when it rained. The current sanitation system was in need of replacement Mr. Rau said they had been speaking to Mr. Ventres about hooking into the sewer system or about installing a new septic system Mr. Rau stated they would prefer to hook into the sewer system.

Mr. Rossi about the current structure of the barn and stated he wanted to see the outbuildings in the area stay. Mr. Rau stated the barn structure there was some wet rot and some dry rot but, they were hoping to keep the building.

Chairman Brady stated the main the commission was interested in was how visible something was from the public right of way. Chaiman Brady also stated most of the property of 12 Landing hill was visible from the public right away. Chairman Brady also stated faux stone walls and foundations had been used in the district previously. Mr. Rau stated they were also planning to repaint the house and they were going to use on off white or cream color from the Benjamin Moore historic collection. Dr. Stofko stated

the commission did not have any say over the paint color of the property. Mr. Rau also stated they planned to keep the current windows.

Chairman Brady stated they would need an application to come before the commission for any changes to the driveway the addition of any outdoor lighting, also the addition to anything visible from the public right of way. He stated he remembered they had previously asked people to install vegetation around grinder pumps to hide them from public view. Mr. Rau left the meeting at 8:16pm.

Renewal of application:

A motion was made by Mr. Rossi to renew certificate of appropriateness C-06-14 The First Church Cemetery Association is seeking a certificate of appropriateness for the addition of eight granite hitching posts, two located at each driveway entrance for occasionally block the entrance to the cemetery with a chain and a sign. Assessor's map 47 lot 1 the motion was seconded by Mr. Bunnell and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman's report : Dr. Stofko stated he had met with the state historian and the man from Gillette's castle along with a few others at Devils Hopyard, at Chapman Falls yesterday and stated they wanted to do an archeological dig of the mill area and they were currently looking for some one to write up the grant proposal because the state did not write grant proposals.

Chairman Brady stated he had met twice with the new leader of Connecticut landmarks and was pleased to see some one from the state show an interest in the historical properties around. Chairman Brady stated he recognized the importance of the Palmer Warner house in the gay and lesbian community as well as the Venture Smith property and stated it made East Haddam stand out in it's diversity.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Bunnell the meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wonneberger

Recording Secretary