EAST HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town of East Haddam Municipal Office Complex

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Regular Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Municipal Office Complex

Meeting Room 1

VIA YOUTUBE LIVE

1 Memebers present Will Brady, Keith Bunnell, David Nelson and Joe Zirlis

Others present Dominic Angersola and Rebecca Wonneberger recording secretary

2. CALL TO ORDER the regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic district commission was called to order by chairman Will Brady at 7:35pm.

3. INFORMAL DISCUSSSION

Mr. Angersola appeared before the historic district commission representing the town of East Haddam. Mr. Angersola stated the town was hoping to replace windows in the grange and the Rathbun Library. It was reported to the commission, the current windows in the Rathbun library were rotting out and had a lot of damage to them. Mr. Angersola presented a sample of an Anderson Double hung vinyl replacement window and presented it to the commission. Mr. Angersola stated they intended to use 1x5 fixed grills in the windows. Chariman Brady asked if all the windows would be replaced at once or if they would be replaced on a smaller scale. Mr. Angersola stated there was enough money the three windows in the front near the post office near the Rathbun Library. Mr. Nelson asked if the triple track window currently on the grange and the Rathbun Library would be replaced with these and Mr. Angersola stated they would be replaced, and a faux cill would be made out of wood and wood would also be used to make the sash. Mr. Nelson stated in general he was not a fan of Vinyl windows, he had found there was definitely a life span to them and well maintained wooden windows lasted longer than the vinyl replacement windows. Mr. Angersola stated it was hard to find wood windows theses days. Chairman Brady stated in general wooden structures breath differently than modern buildings and as a result vinyl replacement windows worked better in newer structures and older structures rally were better with wooden windows. Mr. Angersola said he disagreed and felt the vinyl replacement windows were a good value with an at least 20 year life span and were also only a 1/3 of the cost of a specially made wood window.

Mr. Nelson asked about the size of the windows. Mr. Angersola said the grange windows were a common size window but, the Rathbun did not have a common size window. Mr. Angersola also stated the windows currently in the grange were vinyl windows. Mr. Nelson stated the windows in the Rathbun would need to be examined by the commission more closely and felt a site visit by the commission would be beneficial before making a decision. Mr. Nelson stated he did not have any hesitation about the replacement windows in the grange. Chairman Brady asked if the windows in the grange would be replaced gradually? Mr. Angersola said he had enough money to do them all at the same time and do all the windows on the old town hall and the Rathbun Library as well. Mr. Nelson stated he was not

comfortable giving direction on the windows at this time and need to examine them more closely. Chairman Brady suggest a site visit on a weekend and further discussion ensued. It was decide there would be a site visit to be held on Saturday the 24th at noon at the Rathbun Library. Ms. Wonneberger was instructed to notify all commission member and encourage them to attend or look at the windows on their own and be prepared to report back.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Brady the motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca Wonneberger