**EAST HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Town of East Haddam Municipal Office Complex**

**1 Plains road**

**P.O. Box 385**

**Moodus, CT 06469**

**Regular Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023 7:30 p.m.**

**Municipal Office Complex**

**Meeting Room 1**

**VIA YOUTUBE LIVE**

**1 Memebers present Will Brady, Steve Rossi, Chris Miller, Karl Stofko and Joe Zirlis**

**Others present Emily Burbank, David Burbank, Cameron Keir 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 7:42 pm, after the arrival of a quorum. Chairman Brady appointed Dr. Stofko to vote in place of Mr. Nelson.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

C-01-23 (also known as (23-01) Emily Burbank and Daniel Burbank of 64 Main Street East Haddam, wish to Restore the retaining stone walls to the rear of the building and in the front near the state highway and grade the parking area north of the building Assessors Map 26 Lot 94

Ms. Burbank appeared before the commission and stated she wanted Restore the stone walls on the property and wanted to add the stone wall near the state highway to the application because the stone trust would have time to help restore the wall. Ms. Burbank presented pictures and the green cards at this time. Ms. Burbank stated she would add some drainage behind the stone wall consisting of dirt and crushed stone behind the wall for drainage. Ms. Burbank also stated she wanted to use crushed pea stone in the parking area. Mr. Rossi asked if she planned on adding and lights to the wall or the property. Ms. Burbank reported she did not plan on using any additional lighting on the property. She stated she may use a gate further down the line to hide an air conditioning condenser at some point in time. Dr. Stofko stated the wall appeared to be cut granite. Ms. Burbank stated in stone wall restoration you usually work your way down one section at a time. Mr. Keir stated he supported the project and was a little concerned about the driveway changes and planting being so close to the property line. Ms. Burbank stated she would have a surveyor look at the land to be certain to keep it with in her property lines. Mr. Rossi warned about the pea stone being a problem with

the grade of the driveway and all the stone washing down into the road and needing to be fixed often Ms. Burbank asked what he suggested and Mr. Rossi suggested using ¾ inch stone instead because it weighed enough to not be washed away by the rain water. Ms. Burbank asked how the commission would feel about one day changing the driveway to cobblestone and Mr. Rossi stated it would be very nice but very expensive to do. Chairman Brady asked if the stone walls would be dry stack. Ms. Burbank stated the would be.

**A motion to approve C-01-23 01-23 was made by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Dr. Stofko**
**The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The Burbanks and Mr. Keir left at 8:25 pm**

**4. informal discussion Mr. Zirlis asked what happened with the site visit last month. Chairman Brady reported that Mr. Nelson, Dr. Stofko and Himself did in need visit the Rathbun Library, the Grange and the Town hall and examined the windows and said the were not in desperate need of replacement just some wood repair putty and paint would fix what the windows needed. Additionally they stated the funding for replacing the windows was no longer in the budget because the most recent referendum failed.**

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS none**

**6. Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Dr. Stofko the motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Rebecca Wonneberger**