

Town of Durham
Historic District Commission
Regular meeting Minutes
April 6, 2006

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:02PM by Chairman Duncan Milne at the Durham Public Library.

Roll Call: Members present were Duncan Milne, Norman Jason and Sue Woodson. Alternates present were Gordon Wolfgang, Clay Howe and Linda Bertelsen. Members absent were Trish Dynia and George Zeeb.

Seating of Alternates: Gordon Wolfgang, Clay Howe and Linda Bertelsen were seated as alternates.

Others Present: Applicant Ed Wright.

PUBLIC HEARING ONE

Legal Notice: The Clerk read the call of the Public Hearing as published in the Middletown Press.

APCOA #318 – The Wrights of 59 Main Street wish to replace the roofing on the rear of the house with asphalt shingles to match the shingles currently on the main portion of the house. Commission members reviewed pictures of the property that had been submitted by the applicant. Ed Wright explained that the asphalt shingles would replace slate shingles currently on the rear portion of his home.

A motion was made by Duncan Milne, seconded by Norman Jason, to close the public hearing on APCOA #318. The motion passed unanimously.

APCOA #319 – Susan Gillespie of 256 Main Street requests to erect a white painted wood picket fence along the sidewalk in front of their new renovation north of the main house. Commission members reviewed the site drawing and examples of the proposed fence product that had been submitted with the application.

Commission members discussed the proposed 4 foot fence running horizontally along the sidewalk and the graduated 6 foot to 4 foot solid fence running perpendicular to the sidewalk. Members expressed concern that the combination of the height and solid nature of the proposed fencing was inappropriate for the scale of the house.

Commission members suggested that further discussion with the Applicant would be helpful to understand the design elements of the proposed fencing. Mrs. Gillespie was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Gordon Wolfgang, seconded by Norman Jason, to close the public hearing on APCOA #319. The motion passed unanimously.

The Public Meeting was closed at 8:22 PM.

REGULAR MEETING (Continued)

Call to Order/Seating of Alternates: The Chairman noted that the same members were present and seated.

APCOA #318: *A motion was made by Duncan Milne, seconded by Norman Jason to approve APCOA #318 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.*

APCOA #319: *A motion was made by Clay Howe, seconded by Norman Jason to deny APCOA #319 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2006 Meeting: *A motion was made by Gordon Wolfgang, seconded by Duncan Milne to approve the "revised" minutes of the HDC meeting held March 8, 2005.*

Other Business: Members discussed the importance of informing residents of the Historic District of the value the District brings to the Town of Durham and its residents. The commitment to retain the architectural integrity of the homes in the District is the charge of the Commission.

Adjournment: *Upon motion by Gordon Wolfgang, seconded by Norman Jason and by unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bertelsen
Clerk

Cc: Town Clerk, Building Inspector, First Selectman