

Town of Durham
Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 5, 2005

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Chairman Alan Reed at Durham Town Hall.

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

Others Present: Applicants Marilyn Ackerman and Hans Pedersen.

Seating of Alternates: Linda Bertelsen and Clay Howe were seated.

Legal Notice: The Secretary read the call of the public hearing and Chairman Reed opened the public hearing at 8:10 PM.

Public Hearing on APCOA #306, North Side of 58 Main Street: Applicant Marilyn Ackerman presented plans to install a Dutch door on the north side of the 58 Main Street building (Main Street Feed). Mrs. Ackerman stated that the plans call for using Morgan Brosco, true-divided light windows with a grid similar to what is on the building now. In response to a question, she noted that the door jam would be wood, with at least 5/4 by 4" trim all around, with square casings. She further noted that the door would provide an additional egress for employees and the choice of a Dutch style door was simply a personal preference.

A motion was made by Trish Dynia, seconded by Duncan Milne, to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman noted that the same members were present and seated as he re-opened the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Trish Dynia, seconded by Linda Bertelsen, to approve APCOA #306 as presented by the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Chairman Reed distributed Wall Street Journal and Hartford Courant copies of articles related to historic preservation.

Hans Pedersen spoke regarding a future application for a porch, handicap ramp and fence on the south side of 68 Main Street. The structures are planned in accordance with state regulations regarding the opening of a day care center at this address. The Commission will hold a public hearing on his application at the June 2, 2005 meeting.

Chairman Reed reported that two Main Street residences have recently installed satellite dishes on the front of their homes. Commission members agreed that these structures fall

under the Commissions purview and the homeowners should apply for APCOAs. Chairman Reed will follow up with the town's Zoning Enforcement Officer.

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Old Business: Chairman Reed distributed copies of the completed historic district walking brochure. There is currently a shortfall in the budget for this line item and methods for bridging that gap were briefly discussed.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Linda Bertelsen, seconded by Duncan Milne, to accept the April 7, 2005 minutes with the following changes: 1. Under New Business, paragraph 1, Item #3: "The committee agrees to use Marvin aluminum clad 'simulated true divided light windows' – meaning there will be an authentic mullion bonded to the thermo pane glass inside and out, with an intermediate spacer bar. The effect will be historical authenticity with contemporary efficiency. The surrounding rim of the windows at the exterior is to be 5/4 x 4 cedar with an 8/4 milled authentic style sill." 2. New Business paragraph two, Second line, should read: "The building's front portico was in filled in a manor contrary to the original integrity of the building." The motion passed unanimously with Trish Dynia abstaining.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia
Clerk

Cc: Town Clerk