



**Town of Woodbury
Historic District Commission**

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**Monday, October 2, 2023 – 7:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING
Shove Conference Room
281 Main Street South, Woodbury, CT 06798**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maureen Donnarumma, Chairman
Susan Cheatham, Vice Chairman
George Messier
Lois Y. Fiftal

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert S. Kolesnik, Jr.

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Judith Kelz
William Hickey

ALTERNATES ABSENT

Marc Kroll

NOTED OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas Arras, Dennis Griffin

OPENING OF MEETING

- **Call to Order**
Chair Donnarumma convened the regular meeting at 7:30 pm.
- **Seating of Members / Alternates**
Seated for the meeting were Chair Donnarumma, Vice Chair Cheatham, Members Fiftal, Messier and Alt. Members Hickey
- **Conflict of Interest Reminder (CGS §8-11 & Woodbury Town Charter Section 901)**
Chair Donnarumma reminded the Commission of Conflict of Interest; No member expressed a conflict with any matter on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **23-HD-0021 – 100 Main Street North / Map 105, Lot 72 / MSD District & HD#1**
Maureen E. Vint and Dennis J. Griffin (applicant/owner)
Section 10: Roof – Replacement of cedar shingle roof on the front facing portion of house with ash brown architectural asphalt shingles.

Clerk Bigham read the Public Notice. Applicant Dennis Griffin (18 Craigmere Circle, Avon, CT 06001) came forward on behalf of the application. Mr. Griffin wanted to add to the record that because the owner does not occupy this residence anymore, he feels that is why the insurance company is not going to cover the roof of cedar shingles and only the ash brown architectural asphalt shingles. Member Messier questioned the application asking why the application still says 3-tab because he thought it was edited at last months meeting. After reviewing the application, it was edited just not in all the spots on the application. Mr. Griffin did make those corrections so now ash brown architectural is on the application.

MOTION: To close the public hearing (23-HD-0021 – 100 Main Street North / Map 105, Lot 72 / MSD District & HD#1)

Made by **FITAL**, Seconded by **HICKEY**

Vote: 5-0-0 **Approved** – Motion Passed

Aye Donnarumma, Cheatham, Messier, Fital, Hickey

Nay None

Abstain None

NEW APPLICATIONS

- **23-HD-0022 – 36 Main Street South / Map 105, Lot 133 / MSD District & HD#1**
Jacklyn M. Slane (applicant/owner)
Section 5: Fences – Installation of (1) post three rail fence (208 linear feet); and (2) tongue and groove solid board fence (128 linear feet), both colored Benjamin Moore Solid Arborcoat “Essex Green.”

Clerk Bigham read the application. No one was present to speak on behalf of the application. Attached to the application were pictures of the fences along with a plot plan showing where they will be located.

MOTION: To accept the application (23-HD-0022 – 36 Main Street South / Map 105, Lot 133 / MSD District & HD#1) and schedule for public hearing on November 6, 2023.

Made by **HICKEY**, Seconded by **MESSIER**

Vote: 5-0-0 – **Approved** – Motion Passed

Aye Donnarumma, Cheatham, Messier, Fital, Hickey

Nay None

Abstain None

DELIBERATIONS

- **23-HD-0021 – 100 Main Street North / Map 105, Lot 72 / MSD District & HD#1**

Maureen E. Vint and Dennis J. Griffin (applicant/owner)

Section 10: Roof – Replacement of cedar shingle roof on the front facing portion of house with ash brown architectural asphalt shingles.

MOTION: To issue a Certificate of Appropriateness (23-HD-0021 – 100 Main Street North / Map 105, Lot 72 / MSD District & HD#1) for replacement of cedar shingles on the front facing portion of the house with ash brown architectural asphalt shingles

Made by **MESSIER** Seconded by **FIFTAL**

Vote: 5-0-0 – **Approved** – Motion Passed

Aye Donnarumma, Cheatham, Messier, Fital, Hickey

Nay None

Abstain None

- **Meeting Minutes** – September 11, 2023

Corrections:

Page 3: last paragraph should say what provisions of the regulations: *are you moving on?*

Page 4: first paragraph last sentence should say: *have taken* not *would of take*.

Page 4: paragraph 5 second to last sentence should say: *uniform* not *uniformed*.

Page 6: paragraph 2, third line from the bottom, should say *like for like* not *like or like*.

Page 7: under deliberations for 23-HD-0020 125 Main Street South, under explanation of Alt.

Member Kelz abstaining, third sentence, should say: *her* not *here*.

MOTION: To accept meeting minutes of September 11, 2023, as amended.

Made by **FIFTAL**, Seconded by **MESSIER**

Vote: 5-0-0 – **Approved** – Motion Passed

Ayes Donnarumma, Cheatham, Messier, Fital, Hickey

Nays None

Abstain None

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Historic Preservation Award**

The Commission discussed many properties in the Historic Districts and felt like next year they will have a bunch to choose from because there is a lot of improvements going on in the Historic Districts. Chair Donnarumma suggested the property on 240 Washington Road.

MOTION: To issue a Historic Preservation Award to Ranari Holdings, LLC, 240 Washington Road pending no liens on the property.

Made by **MESSIER**, Seconded by **FIFTAL**

Vote: 5-0-0 – **Approved** – Motion Passed

Ayes Donnarumma, Cheatham, Messier, Fital, Hickey

Nays None

Abstain None

- **Enforcement Matters**

- The pantry at St Paul’s Episcopal Church (23-HD-0013 – 294 Main Street South / Map 104, Lot 5/MSD District & HD#1) was supposed to be moved two feet back but it looks like it is about two feet forward now, which makes it closer to the road. It is not right against the building anymore.
- Needed for next month’s meeting is application and Certificate for Rachel Kitchens.
- Needed for next month’s meeting is the application for 83 Main Street South (gas station).

- **Commission Housekeeping**

- Alternate Kelz expressed her concern for the property located at 137 Main Street South, owner Rex Collum, with a possible safety issue. The building closest to the road. The doors are wide open, and anyone can walk right into the structure. Fire Marshal Janet Morgan and Building Inspector Gary Testa will be notified.
- The property located at 83 Main Street South should be contacted to see where they stand with reapplying and cleaning up the property.
- The Commission had a discussion regarding a blight ordinance and how they can get one implemented for the Historic Districts.
- Chair Donnarumma gave an update on the joint land use meeting held last month.
- A discussion was held regarding the clean-up of the landscaping around Old Town Hall and the Parks and Recreation building, possibly having Vo-Ag students from Nonnewaug High School help but they weren’t sure about the liability it would cause.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Thomas Arras – 76 Main Street South

Mr. Arras shared that years ago at the Parks and Recreation building there were spreading yews and mulch down to the road which was maintained by the town high department and at times community service people. It just hasn’t been maintained since Jerry Stomski left office.

He also questioned how long the doors were open at the property at 137 Main Street South? He expressed that the building has always had tremendous water problems. He imagines that the place was opened up because it got a lot of water from the storms.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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IN WOODBURY, CT
This 13th day of Oct 2023
at 9:55 o'clock A M
Maria M. Mancini
Town Clerk