



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, October 4, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.
Shove Building
281 Main Street South**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Cheatham, Chairman
Maureen Donnarumma: Vice Chairman
Lois Fiftal
Frank Sherer
Robert Kolesnik, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Marc Kroll

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Judith Kelz
George Messier

Also Present: Carol Sideli, Doug Schlicker

OPENING OF MEETING

- Call to Order
Chairman Cheatham convened the regular meeting at 7:33 PM
- Seating of Members/Alternates
All regular members were seated.
- Conflict of Interest
Chairman Cheatham referenced CT General Statutes, Conflict of Interest.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 21-HD-2119 / Sideli / 423 Main Street South / Installation of 9 Sq. Ft. Sign (Giving Brief History of

Schoolhouse) / Map 103 / Lot 020A / DD: 11/4/21

Clerk read the legal notice into the record; Maureen Donnarumma read the application. Robert Kolesnik was unseated due to absence last month, Marc Kroll was seated. Correspondence, from the Historical Society Chairman, was read into the record. Carol Sideli came forward to represent the application.

Commissioners had no questions. Doug Schliecker, from the floor, stated he was in favor of the application.

MOTION: Maureen Donnarumma moved to close the public hearing on application 21-HD-2119. Sideli (agent), 423 Main Street South, for installation of 9 Sq. Ft Sign (Giving brief description of History of Schoolhouse. Lois Fiftal seconded

VOTE: Ayes- Susan Cheatham, Maureen Donnarumma, Frank Sherer,

Marc Kroll, Lois Fiftal

Nayes- none

Abstained- none

MOTION CARRIED.

EXEMPTION REQUESTS/OFFICE DETERMINATIONS ISSUED

- 21-HD-2120 / Maroulis / 88 Main Street North / Request for Exemption Per Section 7.2.1 to Replace

Asphalt Shingled Roof with Asphalt Shingles / Map 105 / Lot 074

- 21-HD-2121 / Stone / 255 Main Street South / Request for Exemption Per Section 7.2.21 to Replace

Asphalt Shingled Roof with Asphalt Shingles / Map 104 / Lot 078

Commissioners had no concerns with the above exemption requests issued by the Land Use Office.

DELIBERATIONS

- 21-HD-2119 / Sideli / 423 Main Street South / Installation of 9 Sq. Ft. Sign (Giving Brief History of

Schoolhouse) / Map 103 / Lot 020A / DD: 11/4/21

MOTION: Maureen Donnarumma moved:

WHEREAS the Woodbury Historic District Commission has received an application from Sideli (agent) for installation of a 9 square foot sign at 423 Main Street South; and

WHEREAS the Commission has held a duly called public hearing on October 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS the Commission has carefully considered all the evidence and testimony received at the duly called public hearing;

WHEREAS, the permission granted by the passage of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not replace requirements for the applicant to obtain any other permits or licenses required by law or regulation of the Town of Woodbury, such as, but not limited to: Building Permit, Zoning Permit, Planning Commission approval, Fire Marshal approvals, Health District approvals, Driveway Permit, Wetland Permit, Vendor License; or from the State of Connecticut or the United States Government. Obtaining such permits or licenses is the responsibility of the applicant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodbury Historic District Commission finds application #21-HD-2119 submitted by Sideli as agent *appropriate and issues a Certificate of Appropriateness.*

VOTE: **Ayes-** Susan Cheatham, Maureen Donnarumma, Lois Fiftal, Marc Kroll, Frank Sherer

Nayes-none

Abstained- none

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Parks & Recreation House Discussion**

Lois Fiftal gave Commissioners an update on her findings with the Parks and Recreation house. She and Susan Cheatham have also been working with the circuit riders Mike Farino and Stacey Viero. Grants have been discussed as well as other funding. As CTAW is one of the renters of the building it helps that they are a 501c3. They pay \$75 for each performance, have purchased chairs for with cushions for the Old Town Hall, dollies, curtains and other necessities. Other town boards and commissions also use the Rec House for their meetings.

Frank Sherer noted the Historic District Commission has no budget nor does it know what funds are available. Maureen Donnarumma added, it appears we also don't have any authority. Discussion followed as to guidance is needed from the Public Building Commission to confirm the building is sound, Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission need to give some direction as to what the building should be used for. The First Selectman won't object to setting up a working group to get answers but not with the authority of the Historic District Commission.

It appears the vast majority of those people sitting on boards and commissions want to see the building torn down. This Commission is willing to fight to restore it, it is an historic building, part of the towns history and cannot be replaced. A focus group is needed. Robert Kolesnik offered to contact some people to help form the focus group.

Lois Fiftal said the circuit riders are putting together a list of possible grants. A discussion followed as to what should be done next, what should the plan be? It is also duly noted the Parks and Rec House is on the National Register. Lois Fiftal and Susan Cheatham will have a meeting with the new Town Planner shortly.

- **Discussion Regarding Draft Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments Section 14 – Architectural**

- Design Standards**

- Susan Cheatham would like to speak with the new Town Planner, William Agresta, before further discussion on this topic. Marc Kroll suggested putting a chart or specifics regarding lumens, wattage and fluorescents.

- **Discussion Regarding Preservation Award**

MOTION: Maureen Donnarumma moved to nominate the Andy Ward house on School Street to receive

the next Preservation Award. Lois Fiftal seconded.

VOTE: Ayes- Susan Cheatham, Maureen Donnarumma, Lois Fiftal, Marc Kroll, Frank Sherer

Nayes-none

Abstained- none

MOTION CARRIED.

- **Next Meeting (November 1st) to be Held at the Parks & Recreation Meeting Room, 7 Mountain Road due to Election Set Up**

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

• 8/2/21

Susan Cheatham, Maureen Donnarumma and Robert Kolesnik were seated.

MOTION: Maureen Donnarumma moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of August 2, 2021 as presented. Robert Kolesnik seconded.

VOTE: Ayes- Susan Cheatham, Robert Kolesnik, Maureen Donnarumma

Nayes- none

Abstained- none

MOTION CARRIED

• 9/13/21

Marc Kroll was seated for Robert Kolesnik.

MOTION: Marc Kroll moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2021 as presented. Lois Fiftal seconded.

VOTE: Ayes- Marc Kroll, Susan Cheatham, Lois Fiftal, Frank Sherer

Nayes- none

Abstained- none

MOTION CARRIED

• 9/8/21 (Special Joint Meeting)

MOTION: Frank Sherer moved to accept the special joint meeting minutes of September 8, 2021 as presented. Maureen Donnarumma seconded.

VOTE: Ayes- Susan Cheatham, Maureen Donnarumma, Frank Sherer, Robert Kolesnik, Lois Fiftal

Nayes- none

Abstained- none

MOTION CARRIED

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Marc Kroll recently took a trip to Woodstock, VT. He described what he found at the History Center there.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Frank Sherer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM, Maureen Donnarumma seconded.

VOTE: Ayes- Susan Cheatham, Maureen Donnarumma, Frank Sherer, Lois Fiftal, Robert Kolesnik

Nayes- none

Abstained- none

MOTION CARRIED.

FILED SUBJECT TO COMMISSION APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leigh

Linda Leigh, Clerk

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IN WOODBURY, CT

This 13th day of Oct 2021
at 7:36 o'clock A M
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Town Clerk