



TOWN OF WOODBURY

Historic District Commission

281 Main Street South

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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

February 7, 2022 – 7:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maureen K. Donnarumma, Chairman

Susan E. Cheatham, Vice Chairman

Lois Y. Fiftal

Robert S. Kolesnik, Jr

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vacancy

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Judith Kelz

George Messier

Marc Kroll

ALTERNATES ABSENT

Also attending: Richard Desrochers; Guest

OPENING OF MEETING

Call to Order

Chairman Donnarumma opened the regular meeting in the Shove Building meeting room at 7:30 PM.

Seating of Members and Alternates

Chairman Donnarumma seated herself, Susan Cheatham, Lois Fiftal, Robert Kolesnik, Jr, and Judith Kelz.

Conflict of Interest

Chairman Donnarumma asked whether there are any of the Conflict of Interest concerns: no.

PUBLIC HEARINGS(S)

None

NEW APPLICATIONS

22-HD-2200 / 506 Main Street South / Applicant Richard Desrochers / Replace handrails on walking bridge, remove plastic picket, install Iron handrails up to code

Mr. Desrochers distributed photographs of the existing conditions. He described the proposed changes intended to improve the aesthetic as well as bring the bridge up to code. Member Cheatham asked whether the existing structure was sound, yes, and how the new

components would be attached. Mr. Desrochers explained the railings would be welded to the existing I-beam bridge structure. He asked for an exception avoiding a public hearing because the existing railings are not to code; Chairman Donnarumma explained the need for a public hearing due to the change in railing materials. Member Kolesnik, Jr reminded commissioners a possible exception related to buildings exists in the regulations. It was agreed the bridge was not eligible for the exception and there was no need for immediate action. A public hearing was scheduled for March 7.

MOTION: Lois Fital moved to accept application 22-HD-2200. Marc Kroll seconded.
AYES: Cheatham; Donnarumma; Fital; Kelz; Kolesnik, Jr
NAYS: none
ABSECTIONS: none
MOTION CARRIED

DELIBERATIONS

22-HD-2201 / 224 Main Street South / Applicant Gina Jacobs / Hang business sign on existing post

Packets distributed for review. Discussion of new sign dimensions and prior conditions as applied to existing post. Member Kolesnik, Jr stated the applicant is a client, the relationship would not color his judgement, but he would recuse himself from deliberations and the vote.

MOTION: George Messier moved to accept application 22-HD-2201. Lois Fital seconded.
AYES: Cheatham; Donnarumma; Fital; Kelz; Kolesnik, Jr
NAYS: none
ABSECTIONS: none
MOTION CARRIED

Review Minutes from January 3 meeting.
Corrections? None.

MOTION: George Messier moved to accept the Minutes of the January 3, 2022 regular meeting as written. Lois Fital seconded.
AYES: Cheatham; Donnarumma; Fital; Kelz; Kolesnik, Jr
NAYS: none
ABSECTIONS: none
MOTION CARRIED

EXEMPTION REQUESTS/OFFICE DETERMINATIONS ISSUED

None

OTHER BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Member Fital reviewed the process used and her conversations with various parties expressing opinions and offering advice about the treatment of "the Park and Rec" building on Mountain Road. Grant writers, contractors, and town officials provided input and feedback. A grant may be available to offset costs to local taxpayers. Grant applications must be

submitted by March 4. There will be further discussion about the building's needs and progress on developing a proposed timeline at the March 7 meeting.

Member Kolesnik, Jr reported on the progress toward a final draft of the proposed revised zoning regulations. The Planning Commission will be consulted prior to presentation at a public hearing.

Member Cheatham reminded commission members that Secretary of the Interior standards must be adhered to when soliciting grants. Anyone requiring a copy for review may contact her. In closing, she encouraged commissioners to join "Preservation Connecticut" and paid homage to Woodbury's late Harlan H. Griswold, an organization founder.

Chairman Donnarumma notified commissioners that there would be discussion at the March 7 meeting about materials used in the preservation of historic buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lois Fiftal moved to adjourn at 8:24 PM. George Messier seconded.

AYES: Cheatham; Donnarumma; Fiftal; Kelz; Kolesnik, Jr

NAYS: none

ABSENTIONS: none

MOTION CARRIED

FILED SUBJECT TO COMMISSION APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward S. De Cortin

Substitute Clerk

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Feb 17th day of Feb 2022
at 11:55 o'clock A M
Maria M. Mancini
TOWN CLERK