



## ***HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION***

### **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING / PUBLIC HEARINGS MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 – 7:30 PM MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY AT GOTOMEETING.COM**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

#### **ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Marc Kroll  
George Messier

#### **ALTERNATES ABSENT**

Judith Kelz

**Also Present:** Maryellen Edwards; Land Use Administrator, Candace DeFelice and John-Paulo Fernandes, John Piacenza and Jonathan Vartelis

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

##### **Call to Order**

Chairman Cheatham called the virtual regular Historic District Commission to order at 7:32 PM.

##### **Seating of Members/Alternates**

All regular members were seated.

##### **Conflict of Interest**

Chairman Cheatham referenced CT General Statutes, Conflict of Interest.

##### ***Continue Regular Meeting After Public Hearings***

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**21-HD-2103 / DeFelice & Fernandes / 381 Main Street South / Replace Cedar Roof with Asphalt Roof / Map 104 / Lot 101 / DD: 4/22/21**

Chairman Cheatham convened the public hearing at 7:33 PM. Clerk read the legal notice into the record; Chairman Cheatham read the application. Ms. DeFelice and Mr. Fernandes were present to represent the application. Photos were presented.

The applicants wish to replace the existing cedar shingles with asphalt shingles, the driftwood color that would match the existing shingles. The applicants stated replacing the roof with cedar shingles would be too expensive.

Commissioners had no questions of the applicants, no one from the floor was either in favor of or opposed to the application.

**MOTION:** Lois Fiftal moved to close the public hearing at 7:37 pm on application #21-HD-2103, DeFelice & Fernandes, 381 Main Street South, to replace the cedar roof with an asphalt roof.  
Frank Sherer seconded. **VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**21-HD-2104 / Piacenza / 2 Orenaug Avenue / Construct New 24' x 36' Barn / Map 103 / Lot 041A-A / DD: 5/1/21**

Chairman Cheatham convened the public hearing at 7:38 PM. Clerk read the legal notice into the record; Maureen Donnarumma read the application. Drawings were presented. Mr. Piacenza was present to represent the application.

It was determined the barn was barely visible from both Main Street South and Orenaug Avenue, it is being placed directly behind the house.

No one from the floor was either in favor of or opposed to the application.

**MOTION:** Maureen Donnarumma moved to close the public hearing on application #21-HD-2104, Piacenza, 2 Orenaug Avenue, for construction of a new 24 foot by 36 foot barn. Lois Fiftal seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **REGULAR MEETING (continued)**

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

**21-HD-2105 / Gaber / 94 Main Street North / Replace Front Door and Add Front Gutter / Map 105 / Lot 073 / DD: 6/2/21**

No representative came forward to represent this application. Commissioners felt it was a complete application.

**MOTION:** Maureen Donnarumma moved to accept application #21-HD-2105, Gaber, 94 Main Street North, for front door replacement and addition of a front gutter, and set a public hearing date of May 3, 2021.

Robert Kolesnik seconded. **VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** Maureen Donnarumma moved to add to the agenda new application #21-HD-2106, Verteles, 557 Main Street South, for roof replacement. Robert Kolesnik seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**21-HD-2106 / Verteles / 557 Main Street South / roof replacement / Map 103 / Lot 048-A**

Mr. Verteles came forward to represent his application and explained recent storms compromised the roof on the house/bed and breakfast. Photos were presented. He would like to use asphalt shingles to match the existing roofs of the other structures on the property. He will choose either brown or black architectural shingles, something tasteful.

**MOTION:** Maureen Donnarumma moved to accept application #21-HD-2106, Verteles, 557 Main Street South, for roof replacement and set a public hearing date for May 3, 2021. Lois Fiftal seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **PENDING APPLICATIONS**

**21-HD-2103 / DeFelice & Fernandes / 381 Main Street South / Replace Cedar Roof with Asphalt Roof / Map 104 / Lot 101 / DD: 4/22/21**

**MOTION:** Robert Kolesnik moved;

WHEREAS the Woodbury Historic District Commission has received an application from Candace DeFelice and John-Paulo Fernandes for roof replacement at 381 Main Street South; and

WHEREAS the Commission has held a duly called public hearing on April 5, 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-2103 submitted by DeFelice and Fernandes *appropriate and issues a Certificate of Appropriateness.*

Frank Sherer seconded. **VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

21-HD-2104 / Piacenza / 2 Orenaug Avenue / Construct New 24' x 36' Barn / Map 103 / Lot 041A-A / DD: 5/1/21

**MOTION:** Maureen Donnarumma moved;

WHEREAS the Woodbury Historic District Commission has received an application from John Piacenza for construction of a new barn at 2 Orenaug Avenue; and

WHEREAS the Commission has held a duly called public hearing on April 5, 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-2104 submitted by Piacenza *appropriate and issues a Certificate of Appropriateness.*

Lois Fiftal seconded. **VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Parks & Recreation House Discussion**

Lois Fiftal reported the engineering study is being done. There is a survey on-line to get townspeople input on their feelings about the property. The survey is still open, data has not been calculated to date. The Historic Preservation circuit rider has stated the building is sound, is of historic value and Lois added it is used by at least 10 outside groups other than Parks and Recreation and CTAW. The Old Town Hall would not be used as much as it is if not for this building, especially since the Old Town Hall has no kitchen facilities and no storage. The engineering study will take about two months.

Susan Cheatham noted there were thoughts to tear this building down. Although this Commission can only focus on the outside of the building townspeople have input as to its use. Lois, Maryellen and Stacy worked hard to secure the grant to pay for the engineering study. The next step will be to secure grants, after the engineering study is completed, to preserve the building. The use of the Old Town Hall also depends on public input.

Maureen Donnarumma stated this Commission needs to support the preservation of this building. It is important to the Town's streetscape as well as Main Street.

## **LAND USE OFFICE UPDATE REPORT**

Commissioners have been kept up to date on the replacement of the metal roof at the North Church, 11 Main Street North. The church has found material that is exactly like the existing metal roof and is searching for a grant to help pay for it.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – 3/1/21**

**MOTION:** Robert Kolesnik moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of March 1, 2021 as presented. Maureen Donnarumma seconded. **VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Overall feelings of the Commission is to have a virtual meeting for May.

Municipal building signage could be made of material other than wood, such as metal or PVC but the Commission will discuss this in more detail at the next meeting. Robert Kolesnik, in his opinion, felt these were better alternatives. Commissioners were asked to look at the 3 Rivers and Hollow Park signs. The Selectmen's office would like input.

Susan Cheatham referenced an article in the *Preservation CT* magazine about the trend to demolish historic buildings. She also noted work is being done on the telephone company buildings finally. Walt Woodward is doing a blog, "State Historian" about things happening in CT, this day in history. It's very interesting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Maureen Donnarumma moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM, Lois Fital seconded. **VOTE: 5-0 FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**FILED SUBJECT TO COMMISSION APPROVAL**

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Leigh*

Clerk

RECEIVED & FILED  
IN WOODBURY, CT

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021  
at 8:00 o'clock A M  
Linda Leigh  
Town Clerk