

# November 18, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Boyer, Ms. Gilchrist, Mr. Hollinger, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Smith

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Mrs. Woodroffe

**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** Mr. Krinsky, Mrs. White

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mrs. Shade, Mrs. Shelley White

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Teh, Mr. Monteleone, Mr. Melito

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Gunnery School(cont'd) /13 Kirby Road /Install new lamp post and light fixture.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:35PM to continue consideration of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The Gunnery School to install a new lamp post and light fixture at 13 Kirby Road. Since there was no one present to speak on behalf of The Gunnery School, it was agreed to continue the Public Hearing until the December 16 meeting.

### **MOTION:**

To continue the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The Gunnery School to install a new lamp post and light fixture at 13 Kirby Road. By Mrs. Mills, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 5-0.

Mrs. Boyer continued the Public Hearing at 7:38PM.

This Public Hearing was recorded and is available in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

David Teh /8 Kirby Road /new front storm doors.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:40PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by David Teh, 8 Kirby Road, to install new storm doors on front of the house. Mrs. Boyer seated the members. The legal notice was read which appeared in Voices on 11/10/13. Mr. Teh was present along with his contractor, Mr. Frank Monteleone, of FJM construction.

Mr. Monteleone explained to the Commission that the present storm door is solid. They would like to replace it with a new storm door like one on Parsonage Lane which is mostly glass and would let more light into the house. He showed the members a photo of both doors. Mr. Hollinger asked if the glass on the storm door will be tinted. No, the glass is clear. Mrs. Boyer commented that she has a big problem with the design of the new storm door because the house windows are rectangular and the windows on the storm door are square. Mr. Teh told Mrs. Boyer he understands her concerns, but the house across Route 47 has a storm door that also does not match any other windows on the house. Mrs. Boyer noted that a lot of houses were changed before the historic districts were formed. Mr. Teh told the Commission that windows in the addition of the Chute house were different from the windows in the original part of the house.

Mr. Monteleone confirmed to Ms. Gilchrist that the old inner doors would remain and the new storm

doors would be placed on the outside. All doors will be painted a dark green. Mrs. Boyer noted the Commission has no jurisdiction over color. Ms. Gilchrist said she would like to see a full mock-up of the front of the house showing the new door. Mr. Hollinger asked if mullions through the glass on the storm door might improve the appearance.

Mrs. Boyer asked about the new hardware for the door. Mr. Monteleone said it will be black forged iron hardware; an antique reproduction door handle. Mrs. Boyer stated they would need to see what the hardware will look like in relation to the whole house. She added this is one of the most prominent houses on The Green.

It was agreed that for the next meeting Mr. Monteleone would bring in two mock-ups: 1) Storm door with a single mullion in each glass and 2) Storm door with each of the panes divided into 4 lights. Also, a photo of the proposed hardware or bring in the actual hardware. Mr. Hollinger observed that the family would have more privacy with mullions down the middle or divided into four lights.

The members agreed it would be a good idea to assess what they think about the new storm door. Mr. Smith said he does not like it, but said there is nothing in the Regulations he could quote, so he has no problem with it. The members agreed, saying they would have to reserve judgment until they see the mock-ups. Mr. Monteleone said he would like to know for certain whether the storm door is under the jurisdiction of the Commission. It was agreed to continue the Public Hearing to the December meeting.

#### MOTION:

To continue the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by David Teh, 8 Kirby Road, in order to receive additional photos and information on the new front door.

By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Gilchrist and passed 5-0.

Mrs. Boyer continued the Public Hearing at 8:20PM. This Public Hearing was recorded and is available in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

#### Kneen & Secchia /18 Sunny Ridge Road /Pool House Addition.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 8:25PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Simon Kneen and Paolo Secchia, 18 Sunny Ridge Road, for a pool house addition. Mrs. Boyer seated the members. The legal notice was read which appeared in Voices on 11/10/13. Mr. Joe Melito from Crisp Architects represented the applicants.

The Commissioners looked over photos of the property with Mr. Melito. The existing pool is not visible from the road. From the north side the proposed pool house will not be visible at all and will scarcely be visible from any other direction.

Mrs. Mills asked about materials to be used for the pool house. Mr. Melito said the pool house will be under 1200 square feet, with clapboard siding and metal roof. Ms. Gilchrist asked, if all the trees were gone, would the pool house look like an accessory building or another house? She said she would prefer to see something that looked more like an outbuilding. Mr. Hollinger agreed. He said the main house is a very simple farmhouse and the pool house is too formal. Mr. Smith noted the basic criteria is, outbuildings should be consistent with the main building and not more formal.

Mr. Hollinger added, it would be better to make the pool house less formal with the same footprint. Mrs. Mills said it would be best to come back with a simpler design; more in keeping with the main house.

Based on the consensus of the Commission, Mr. Melito was asked for a redesign of the pool house for the next meeting.

**MOTION:**

To continue the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Kneen & Secchia, 18 Sunny Ridge Road, so that a redesign of the pool house can be presented.

By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Gilchrist and passed 5-0. Mrs. Boyer closed the Public Hearing at 8:40PM. This Public Hearing was recorded and is available in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mrs. Boyer called the meeting to order at 8:45PM and seated the members.

Consideration of the minutes

**MOTION:**

To approve the 10/21/13 minutes as written.

By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 5-0.

The Gunnery:

Mrs. Boyer met with Peter Becker of The Gunnery. He wants to work with HDC. Mrs. Boyer explained to him about 'replacement-in-kind' letters and that if a change is visible from a public way, he will need to apply for that change to the commission.

**MOTION:**

To adjourn the meeting.

By Mrs. Mills.

Mrs. Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:15PM.

**FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha T. Shade, Clerk