

# November 19, 2012

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Kerr, Mrs. Mills

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Mr. Hollinger, Mr. Krinsky

**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** Mrs. White

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Pleasants, Ms. Chapin, Library Board Members

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### White /6 Parsonage Lane /Extend Certificate of Appropriateness to build garage-studio addition.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:35PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Zemma Mastin White, 6 Parsonage Lane, to extend an existing Certificate of Appropriateness to build a garage/studio addition. The legal notice was read which appeared in Voices on 11/11/12. Mrs. Boyer seated the members and seated Alternate Hollinger for Mrs. Mills and Alternate Krinsky for Mr. Kerr. Mrs. White was unable to be present.

The Commission held a brief discussion. This application has been extended previously and there have been no changes since the original application. There being no additional questions or comments, all agreed to approve an extension.

### **MOTION:**

To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Zemma Mastin White, 6 Parsonage Lane, to extend an existing Certificate of Appropriateness to build a garage/studio addition.

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

Mrs. Boyer closed the Public Hearing at 7:40PM.

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

### Gunn Memorial Library /5 Wykeham Road /Install lighting for parking lot and stairs of Gunn Memorial Library and Museum.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:42PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the Gunn Memorial Library, 5 Wykeham Road, to install lighting for the parking lot and stairs at the Gunn Memorial Library and Museum. The legal notice was read which appeared in Voices on 11/11/12. Mr. Smith recused himself from this Public Hearing. Mrs. Boyer seated Members Boyer and Gilchrist and seated Alternate Hollinger for Mrs. Mills and Alternate Krinsky for Mr. Kerr. Ms. Jean Chapin and Mr. Rod Pleasants represented the Library along with two other members of the Library Board.

The commissioners looked over the photos and the site plan submitted with the application. The site plan showed the proposed location for the eleven new Bollard lights and also the location of the six existing Bollard lights. The new lights will be placed in locations where people have tripped

and fallen; around the perimeter of the parking lot. Mrs. Boyer asked if the temporary lights have been removed from the trees. Ms. Chapin replied the tree lights have been the most effective lighting so far, but will be removed as the commission requested. Ms. Chapin noted that they had originally wanted three tall lights for the parking lot which would have cast plenty of light. Now, they need eleven additional Bollard lights since they are only 42 inches tall. She added, three people have fallen recently due to poor lighting. Mrs. Boyer pointed out on the site plan that if the curb area by the door could be squared off with a light on each corner rather than being round, the area would be much safer to walk.

Ms. Gilchrist showed a picture of a light that she felt would be more appropriate than the one proposed. It measures 10 inches around, can be placed on any post and the light is cast downward. Ms. Gilchrist stated that her reservation to the light proposed is that there is a "block" of light everyone will be looking at. Mrs. Boyer asked Ms. Gilchrist if there is information on her light as to how far out the glow of light extends. No. Ms. Chapin said she is concerned about diminishing light.

The Commissioners and members of the Library Board discussed the proposed lighting and also looked at photos on Mr. Krinsky's computer showing various types of lighting used in neighboring towns.

Mr. Hollinger asked about possibly placing louvers inside the Bollard lamps to eliminate the "block" of light. Ms. Chapin voiced her concern about having less light. Mrs. Boyer asked Ms. Chapin if it would be possible for her to get a sample of the louver and try it on one or two of the Bollard lights. Mr. Krinsky suggested the Commission could make its decision tonight and give the Library some latitude to try out the louvers and see how effective they are. Ms. Gilchrist said she could go along with a good faith effort to try out the louvers.

Mrs. Boyer asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

#### **MOTION:**

To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the Gunn Memorial Library, 5 Wykeham Road, to install lighting for the parking lot and stairs at the Gunn Memorial Library and Museum.

By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Mr. Krinsky and passed 4-0.

Mrs. Boyer closed the Public Hearing at 8:12PM.

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 Regular Meeting to order at 8:14PM and seated Members Boyer and Gilchrist, and seated Alternate Hollinger for Mrs. Mills and Alternate Krinsky for Mr. Kerr.

#### **Pending Business**

White /6 Parsonage Lane /Extend Certificate of Appropriateness to build garage-studio addition.  
Mrs. Boyer asked the members if they had any additional comments or questions about this

application. They did not.

**MOTION:**

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Zemina Mastin White, 6 Parsonage Lane, to extend an existing Certificate of Appropriateness to build a garage/studio addition, previously approved on 12/13/11. This work is to be completed by December 13, 2013; or else this approval shall be void.

By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Gilchrist and passed 4-0.

**Gunn Memorial Library /5 Wykeham Road /Install lighting for parking lot and stairs of Gunn Memorial Library and Museum.**

The members briefly discussed the application. Ms. Gilchrist stated she will reluctantly go along with the Bollard lights including the louvers. Mrs. Boyer commented if the louvers substantially diminish light then they should not be required. Ms. Gilchrist said these Bollard lights are 6½ inches in diameter and the louvers will diminish the light. She noted the light she suggested would cast more light. There were no more questions or comments.

**MOTION:**

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the Gunn Memorial Library, 5 Wykeham Road, to install eleven bronze Bollard lights to illuminate the parking lot and stairs at the Library and the Museum. The lights will match existing Bollard lights, which are 42 inches tall, and will be located as shown on the site plan submitted with the application. With the additional wish by the Commission that a reasonable attempt be made to reduce outward glare that would be visible from adjacent roads. The Commission realizes that an attempt to reduce glare should not supersede the need for safety. The temporary lights are to be removed. This work is to be completed by November 19, 2013; or else this approval shall be void.

By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Mr. Krinsky and passed 4-0.

**Consideration of the Minutes**

**MOTION:**

To approve the 10/15/12 minutes as written.

By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 4-0.

Mr. Smith was reseated.

**MOTION:**

To include subsequent business not already posted on the agenda: 1) discussion re: Wexler Gate.

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

Mrs. Boyer read a note written by Mrs. Mills about the Wexler gate stating it did not look like the one HDC approved. Mrs. Boyer and Ms. Gilchrist will contact the architect to meet with members. Mrs. Boyer also commented on how bright the lights in the house appear at night since there are no leaves on the trees.

**MOTION:**

To adjourn. By Mr. Hollinger.

Mrs. Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:05PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha T. Shade, Clerk