

March 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Boyer, Mr. Chute, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gilchrist

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Hollinger, Mr. Krinsky, Mrs. Mills

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Demetriades, Mr. Walker, Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Dobson, Residents

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wexler /157 Calhoun Street /Construct a driveway entry-security gate.

Mr. Kerr opened the Public Hearing at 7:35PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 1/26/12 by Lloyd Wexler, 157 Calhoun Street, to construct a driveway entry-security gate. He read the legal notice which appeared in Voices on 3/11/12. Mr. Kerr seated the members and seated Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist. Ms. Demetriades and Mr. Walker, architects, represented Mr. Wexler.

Mr. Kerr read letters into the record from Calhoun-Ives residents: Mary Adams, Sandra Canning, Phil Markert and Ira Shapiro. The letters are in the applicant file and copies were submitted with the minutes.

Ms. Demetriades began by saying that the gate they are proposing for Mr. Wexler is not electronic. Mr. Hollinger asked if the gate is manually operated. Ms. Demetriades replied the gate is manually operated, made of cedar, painted gray and is just over 3ft tall. She continued by saying that they feel the design is pretty understated, modest, and is not sure why it is seen as so controversial. Ms. Demetriades told the members that Mr. Wexler has a security system at the house and this gate is not just about security, it is more about privacy. Often people will just drive up to the house because from the road it is not possible to see the house or a parked car.

Mr. Chute asked if a chain could be used instead of a gate. Ms. Demetriades replied a chain would be too heavy.

Mr. Kerr noted there are other gate designs; something more agricultural. This looks like the entrance to a commercial facility. The gate has the appearance of metal. It is not rural. All agreed the gate should have a more rural appearance.

Mrs. Greenfield, Ives Road, noted that there is such a thing as a "private driveway" sign. She said she sees no need for a gate. Mr. Greenfield said he thought the gate would be abusive to the neighborhood. Mr. Kerr asked Mr. Greenfield if other gates offend him. Mr. Greenfield replied, no, other gates do not offend him but this gate does not fit in with the character of the area and he would be open to a different choice of gate or a "private driveway" sign.

Mr. Kerr asked Mr. Pleasants for his thoughts. Mr. Pleasants(who was representing another applicant) said he was not for the gate either. It seems heavy and industrial and out of keeping with the neighborhood. Mrs. Boyer said there are other gates in the district. It is just the type of gate the commission is questioning. Ms. Demetriades and Mr. Walker said they had no problem making

the gate more understated and agricultural. She said they would come back to the commission with other choices.

Mr. Kerr asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none.

MOTION:

To continue until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2012, the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Lloyd Wexler, 157 Calhoun Street, to construct a driveway entry-security gate.

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

Mr. Kerr continued the Public Hearing at 8:05PM.

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

Klemm /11 Ives Road /Extend Certificates of Appropriateness to construct addition to residence and rebuild silo.

Mr. Kerr opened the Public Hearing at 8:07PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Christina and Peter Klemm, 11 Ives Road, to extend two Certificates of Appropriateness for addition to residence and to rebuild silo. Mr. Kerr seated the members and Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist. No one represented the applicants.

Mr. Greenfield, who lives across the street from Mr. Klemm expressed his concern and that of other Calhoun-Ives residents, that the silo may not be rebuilt by Mr. Klemm or his successor. Mr. Chute said he has similar concerns. Mr. Kerr stated the extension needs to be granted so that Mr. Klemm has permission to rebuild the silo. A discussion ensued regarding this application and it was decided to continue it until the next meeting in order to hear Ms. Gilchrist comments.

MOTION:

To continue until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2012, the Public Hearing to consider the applications for Certificates of Appropriateness submitted by Christina & Peter Klemm 11 Ives Road, to construct addition to residence and to rebuild the silo.

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

Mr. Kerr continued the Public Hearing at 8:15PM.

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

Kleine & Micheletto /110 Calhoun Street /Exterior lantern. Revised design for stone /wood fence.

Mr. Kerr opened the Public Hearing at 8:17PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine & Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, for the exterior barn lantern and the revised design for the stone wall and wood fence. Mr. Kerr seated the members and Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist. Mr. Rod Pleasants of McIver Morgan, represented the applicants.

Mr. Pleasants showed the members information and picture of the lantern. One will be beside the mudroom door and one by front door of the barn. Mrs. Boyer asked where the utilities will be. Mr. Pleasants will check with CL&P to be certain. Some wires are underground.

The commission looked at the site plan with Mr. Pleasants along with photos of other barns in town that have stone walls in front. He explained that the proposed stone walls will be dry stone walls and will be low; 22 to 30 inches tall. The horse fence in front of the barn will weather gray. Mr. Pleasants commented that the applicants are concerned about their son and dog getting into the road.

Mr. Pleasants told the members that they did have to take some trees down. The tops were rotten. Also, the trees were on town property so they did get permission to remove them. New trees will be planted.

Following a brief discussion, it was decided to continue this hearing since the long stone walls were a concern.

MOTION:

To continue until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2012, the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine & Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, for the exterior lantern and the revised design of the stone wall and wood fence.

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

Mr. Kerr continued the Public Hearing at 8:30PM.

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

Kleine & Micheletto /110 Calhoun Street /Inground Pool.

Mr. Kerr opened the Public Hearing at 8:32PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine & Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, for an inground pool. Mr. Kerr seated the members and seated Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist. Mr. Rod Pleasants, McIver Morgan and Mr. Jim Dobson, Dobson Pools, represented the applicants.

The commissioners discussed the location of the pool. Mr. Pleasants commented that the land radically drops off and so neither the pool nor the pool equipment will be visible at any angle from the road. Mr. Dobson did have stakes placed in the ground to show the height of the fence so the members could drive by and see if the fence might be visible. It was not.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to approve the pool, providing a more accurate drawing of the pool and pool fence be submitted for the file.

MOTION:

To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 3/1/12 by Brigitte Kleine & Robert Micheletto to install an inground swimming pool at 110 Calhoun Street.

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

Mr. Kerr 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

Mr. Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:42PM. He seated the members and Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist.

Kleine & Micheletto /110 Calhoun Street /Inground Pool.

MOTION:

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine & Robert Micheletto to install an inground swimming pool with fence at 110 Calhoun Street, upon condition that a site plan showing the location of the pool with pool fence along with a picture of the pool fence be submitted by March 26, 2012. This work is to be completed by March 19, 2013 or this approval shall be void.

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

MOTION:

To approve the 1/09/12 minutes as written.

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

It was decided to defer all other business until the next meeting. The members stayed after the meeting was adjourned to look at photos of outdoor lighting taken by Mr. Krinsky.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Mr. Kerr.

Mr. Kerr adjourned the meeting at 9:15PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk