

May 20, 2013

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Hollinger, Mrs. Mills

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Krimsky, Mrs. White

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Washington

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Kleine & Micheletto /110 Calhoun Street /Garden fence.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:30PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine and Robert Micheletto to construct a fence around their garden at 110 Calhoun Street. The legal notice was read which appeared in Voices on 5/12/13. Mrs. Boyer seated the members and Alternate White for Mr. Hollinger. Mr. Lawrence Washington represented the owners.

The members looked at the site plan and photos of the type of fencing to be used. Mr. Washington explained that the fence is to surround the vegetable garden and will probably not be visible from the road, other than the tops of the posts. Mr. Washington said the posts would be made of cedar with the bark still on and be 6ft tall. The posts would be connected with wire mesh. Mrs. Boyer asked the commission if they would like to see a couple of posts installed so they could determine what would be visible from the road. The members said that would not be necessary. Mrs. White commented that the fence seems to be very low key and natural. Ms. Gilchrist said she thought it is very appropriate for a rural, agricultural district. Mrs. Boyer asked if there were any more questions or comments. There were none.

MOTION:

To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine and Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, to construct a fence around their garden.

By Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. White and passed 4-0.

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.

Kleine & Micheletto /110 Calhoun Street /Exterior lighting for farmhouse and garage.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:42PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine and Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, to install exterior lighting on the farmhouse and garage. The legal notice was read which appeared in Voices on 5/12/13. Mrs. Boyer seated the members and Alternate White for Mr. Hollinger. Mr. Washington represented the owners.

The commissioners looked at the proposed light fixture for the barn with Mr. Washington. Mrs. White noted it seemed pretty far from the road and because of the shape of the fixture the light would have a downward glow. Ms. Gilchrist asked if the barn light would be installed over the door, about 8ft up. Mr. Washington replied yes, it will be centered above the door and be 8ft or 9ft off grade.

The members discussed the fact that the two sconces by either side of the entry door to the guest house will be a different style than the lights on the residence; but the two buildings are different. Mrs. White commented the house is closer to the road than the guest house. The commission all agreed that the proposed lights were in keeping with the district.

There were no additional comments or questions.

MOTION:

To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine and Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, to install a light beside the farmhouse door and one over the garage door.

By Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 4-0.

Mrs. Boyer closed the Public Hearing at 7:55PM.

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REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:57PM. She seated the members and Alternate White for Mr. Hollinger. Mr. Krinsky arrived after the Public Hearings were over so he was not seated.

Kleine & Micheletto /110 Calhoun Street /Garden fence.

Mrs. Boyer asked the commissioners for comments. Mrs. White said she has no problem. The fence is very natural and seems to be out of site from the road. Ms. Gilchrist agreed – it is as good as we would ever want. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Boyer said they had no problem with the fence.

MOTION:

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine and Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, to construct a 25'x35' fence around their garden. Fencing will consist of 6ft tall cedar posts connected by wire mesh. This work is to be completed by May 20, 2014; or else this approval shall be void.

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

Kleine & Micheletto /110 Calhoun Street /Exterior lighting for farmhouse and garage.

Ms. Gilchrist commented that the commission has discussed before, the fact that the bulb itself will be visible. Mrs. White noted the smaller bulb would probably have a small wattage. Ms. Gilchrist expressed concern that someday a higher wattage bulb could be installed. Mrs. White asked if HDC has jurisdiction over wattage. Mr. Krinsky asked why the commission has no authority over

lighting if it is in an historic district? Mrs. Boyer said that would be a good question for an attorney. Ms. Gilchrist said she had no problem with these lights. Mrs. Boyer noted the lights have etched glass, which would be similar to frosted. Mrs. White said that would soften the light. She said she had no problem either. All agreed.

MOTION:

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Brigitte Kleine and Robert Micheletto, 110 Calhoun Street, to install exterior lighting on the existing farmhouse (guest house) and new garage, as illustrated in the information from Scofield Lighting Company, presented with the application. This work is to be completed by May 20, 2014; or else this approval shall be void.

By Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. White and passed 4-0.

MOTION:

To approve the 4/15/13 minutes as written.

By Mrs. White, seconded by Ms. Gilchrist and passed 4-0.

MOTION:

To include subsequent business not already posted on the agenda.

1) Khouri /75 Green Hill Road/ Discussion.

2) Teh /8 Kirby Road.

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Mrs. Boyer told the members that she had spoken to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Mike Ajello. He wrote a letter to Mrs. Khouri asking her to remove the storage bin that had been sitting on her property for so long. Mrs. Khouri did have the storage bin removed. Mrs. Boyer thought it would be a good idea to send a letter thanking her for removing it and then tell her the remaining things to be done. Mrs. White said she liked that proposal – it is more than fair. All agreed it should be done.

Teh /8 Kirby Road.

In the motion for approval, two conditions were noted: 1) a picture of the triple track storm windows and 2) a drawing of the lattice work enclosure. It was noted that the members in attendance at the April 15 meeting would come in, check out the drawings, would review and approve or deny. No mention of the results was made in the April 15 minutes. Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Smith, and Alternates Krinsky and Hollinger, who attended the meeting on April 15 all came in and approved the triple track storm window and the drawing of the lattice work. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued.

MOTION:

To adjourn. By Mrs. White.

Mrs. Boyer adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Shade