

December 16, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gilchrist, Mr. Hollinger

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Krinsky, Mrs. Woodroffe

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. White

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Showalter, 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. She seated the members and Alternates Krinsky for Mr. Hollinger and Alternate Woodroffe for Ms. Gilchrist. Mr. Mark Showalter represented The Gunnery.

Mr. Showalter gave the commissioners photos of the new light fixture and a drawing which showed that the bulb is in the roof of the fixture, causing the glow of the light to flow downward. Mrs. Boyer asked how much wattage is in the bulb. Mr. Showalter replied about 60watts. Mrs. Boyer noted it will not throw much light. She asked the members if they had any more questions or comments. Mr. Krinsky said he thought it looked good. Mrs. Woodroffe told Mr. Showalter he had solved the problem. All agreed – the lamp looks good.

MOTION:

To close 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. Woodroffe, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 5-0.

Mrs. Boyer closed the Public Hearing at 7:45PM.

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

David Teh(cont'd) /8 Kirby Road /New front storm doors.

There was no one present for Mr. Teh. Mrs. Boyer decided to move on to the next Public Hearing in case the applicant was running late.

Kneen and Secchia(cont'd) /18 Sunny Ridge Road /Pool house addition.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:50PM to continue consideration of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Simon Kneen and Paolo Secchia, 18 Sunny Ridge Road, for a pool house addition. She seated the members and Alternate Krinsky for Mr. Hollinger

and Alternate Woodroffe for Ms. Gilchrist. Mr. Joe Melito from Crisp Architects represented the applicants.

As noted at the November meeting, the existing pool is not visible from the road and the proposed pool house will not be visible at all from the north and will scarcely be visible from any other direction.

Mrs. Woodroffe commented that the issue at the last meeting was that the design for the pool house was not in keeping with the look of the old farmhouse. Mr. Melito presented new drawings, Proposal 4, to the commission. The floor plan has not changed. Mr. Melito said the plan now is to take the trim on the existing house and apply it to the pool house. The pool house trim is now scaled down and much simpler. The members looked over the new drawings with Mr. Melito.

A discussion ensued regarding material for the roof. Mr. Melito said the owners liked either cedar shake or metal for the roof. Cedar shake would match the main house, but they are leaning toward metal because it lasts longer. He commented that the pool house seems more modern than the main house. Mrs. Boyer and Mr. Smith both agreed that the commission wants the outbuilding to be different from the house. Mrs. Woodroffe said the small windows above the glass doors seem very modern to her. Mr. Melito replied that transom windows are considered to be classical design.

Mrs. Boyer noted the commission wants people to realize that these two houses were not built together. Mr. Smith agreed. We should not try to imitate what is already there. An outbuilding should look like an outbuilding.

Mrs. Boyer asked if there were any more comments or questions. There were none.

MOTION:

To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Kneen & Secchia, 18 Sunny Ridge Road, to build a pool house.

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

Mrs. Boyer closed the Public Hearing at 8:10PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Boyer opened the Regular Meeting at 8:12PM. She seated the members and Alternate Krimsky for Mr. Hollinger and Alternate Woodroffe for Ms. Gilchrist.

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

MOTION:

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The Gunnery School to install a new lamp post and light fixture for 13 Kirby Road, at the intersecting walks in front of the house as shown in the photo and drawing presented at the 12/16/13 meeting. This work is to be completed by December 16, 2014; or this approval shall be void.

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

David Teh(cont'd) /8 Kirby Road /New front storm doors.

There was no one present to speak with the commission about this application.

MOTION:

To deny without prejudice the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by David Teh, 8 Kirby Road, to place new storm doors on the front of his house as shown in drawing SK2 by Halper Owens Architects, and photos submitted with the application.

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

Kneen & Secchia(cont'd) /18 Sunny Ridge Road /Pool house addition.

MOTION:

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Simon Kneen and Paolo Secchia, 18 Sunny Ridge Road, for a pool house addition according to the Proposal 4 drawings by Joe Melito of Crisp Architects, dated 12/16/13 and the pool house location as drawn on an old survey map; with the condition that they inform the Commission before the January 2014 meeting about their choice of either metal or cedar shake roof. This work is to be completed by December 16, 2014; or this approval shall be void.

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

Other Business

MOTION:

To approve the HDC Calendar for 2014.

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

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION:

To approve the 11/18/13 minutes as written.

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

Subsequent Business Not on Agenda

Mr. Smith turned in his letter of resignation. He was asked how long he had been on the commission. He replied that he joined HDC as an alternate in 1983. Mrs. Boyer and the commissioners discussed possible new members and Mrs. Boyer will speak with the First Selectman. Mr. Krinsky will be moved up to regular member.

Mr. Krinsky led the commission in a Resolution for Mr. Smith.

The Commission heartily approved at its December 16, 2013 monthly meeting a resolution thanking William H.(Willie) Smith for his dedication and knowledgeable service to the Historic District Commission of the Town of Washington for the past 30 years and for his consistent devotion to the preservation of the historical integrity of the community.

MOTION:

To adjourn the meeting. By Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:10PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk