

October 21, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Treadway, Mr. Graney, Mrs. Picton and Mr. Talbot.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Appleyard

PUBLIC HEARING

Appleyard /175 Calhoun Street /Change front entrance, add wooden shutters and replace two windows.

Mr. Smith opened the Public Hearing at 7:30PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 9/25/02 by James C. and Patricia Appleyard, 175 Calhoun Street, to change the front entrance, add wooden shutters and replace two windows. He read the legal notice which appeared in **Voices** on 10/13/02. Mr. Smith seated the members and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Talbot. Mr. Appleyard was present.

Mr. Appleyard presented new elevation drawings (existing front, proposed front and details of the front porch), a site plan and photos showing the house as viewed from Calhoun Street (all marked rec'd 10/21/02).

Mr. Appleyard said the house was built in 1989 and they have loved it, but now want to soften the look so it will blend in more with the other houses in the district. Pointing to the existing front elevation, he explained they plan to get rid of the Palladian window over the front door. The front door with the side panels will remain. The Palladian window on the end of the house will also be removed and clapboards will be put in its place. Below that area, two new windows will be added which will match the other windows on the house. He also noted they will be adding trim work over all the windows. The new shutters will be wooden and painted a very dark green. Mr. Treadway asked if the shutters would be large enough to close over the windows. No.

Mr. Talbot arrived at 7:40PM and was seated by Mr. Smith.

The members discussed the drawings and photos. Mrs. Picton asked if the columns were square. Yes, with chamfered edges. Mr. Talbot asked about the size of the columns. Approximately 1ft. It was noted that the windows in the existing front elevation drawing do not have muntins as shown in the proposed front elevation drawing. Mr. Appleyard said that was an error. The photos clearly show muntins in all the windows. Mr. Appleyard said he thinks the house will have more of a colonial look like other houses on Calhoun Street. Mr. Graney commented that the shutters give a more colonial revival look; like houses built at the turn of the century.

Mr. Appleyard said he would like to add a pergola over the garage doors and let wisteria grow over it. Mr. Talbot asked if it would be visible from the road. Mr. Appleyard did not think it would be visible due to the little hill in front of the garage (as shown in the photos). He added it is almost impossible to see the top of the garage doors from the road. Mr. Graney stated the Commission should have an elevation showing the depth of the pergola. Mr. Smith commented the garage with an added pergola becomes inconsistent with the main house. Mr. Talbot said he did not think it would be so inconsistent.

Mrs. Picton commented that the changes proposed improve the house. The shutters are colonial revival -

not authentic colonial detailing. The shutters provide visual relief between the door and the front windows. Mr. Treadway also said the changes will be an improvement - not so overbearing. Mrs. Rives said she thinks it will look better. Mr. Talbot asked if lights will be centered behind the columns. Mr. Appleyard said yes, although he has not made a final decision on the lights.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any additional questions.

Mr. Talbot asked if there would be any gutters on the flat roof porch. Mr. Appleyard said there are gutters on the house but the roof will be pitched in such a way that the rain will fall off the sides. Mr. Talbot confirmed that a hip roof would allow the rain to flow off in three directions. Mr. Treadway said a slight hip roof would not even be noticed from the road. Since the drawing of the porch shows a flat roof, Mr. Smith asked the members if they were agreeable to the porch having a slight hip to drain the roof. All agreed it's ok.

Mr. Smith asked the Commission if there were any additional comments or questions. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness for James C. and Patricia Appleyard, 175 Calhoun Street, to change front entrance, add wooden shutters and replace two windows. By Mr. Treadway, seconded by Mrs. Picton and passed 5-0.

Mr. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 8:12PM.

This Public Hearing was recorded on tape. The tape is on file in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:15PM and seated the members.

Pending Business

Appleyard /175 Calhoun Street /Change front entrance, add wooden shutters, replace two windows.

MOTION: To approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted September 25, 2002 by James C. and Patricia Appleyard, 175 Calhoun Street, to replace the front entrance, add wooden shutters and replace two windows according to the final plans submitted October 21, 2002 and labeled "A-1.00 proposed". This work is to be completed by October 21, 2003; else this approval shall be void. By Mr. Graney, seconded by Mr. Treadway and passed 5-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 9/16/02 minutes as written. By Mr. Treadway, seconded by Mr. Graney and passed 5-0.

Other Business

Discussion of sandwich board signs on the Green

Mr. Treadway read from the State Statutes, Sec.7-147d, regarding signs.The style, material, size and location of outdoor advertising signs and bill posters within an historic district shall also be under the control of such commission.....

The members discussed the signs on the Green. They all agreed the signs brought in and out on a daily

basis are not as objectionable as the ones that are left out all the time. Mr. Smith said before he speaks with any of the sign owners, he will ask David Miles, the town attorney, if he agrees with what Mr. Treadway read from the State Statutes.

The Swiss Hospitality Institute sign on the Green was discussed. Previously, Mr. Smith spoke with a person at State DOT who assured him that DOT was given permission by the former First Selectman to place the sign on the Green because the international students were having a hard time finding the school. Mr. Smith asked the members if they would like for him to pursue this and ask the school if the signs are still essential. Mr. Treadway suggested that if the state could place the school sign on the same post with the other directional signs, then that would be better. Mr. Graney noted that HDC has no jurisdiction over DOT - therefore, is caught in the middle between DOT and Swiss Hospitality. Mr. Smith suggested he could write a letter to the Selectmen notifying them that HDC would like to be consulted about future signs in the Historic District. Mr. Graney said the letter could go one step further and explain that HDC did not have their due process - they were not even told about the sign. Mrs. Picton added that the Commission was also not consulted about the sidewalk the town put in on the Green.

Mr. Treadway asked if there was anything new on the Greenfield fence at 11 Ives Road. Mr. Smith said he still needs to go with one or two other members to the site in order to judge how high the fence needs to be for privacy. If Mr. Greenfield or his attorney do not request a Public Hearing in November, Mr. Treadway proposed that the Commission discuss the fence during their Regular Meeting.

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

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade,
Secretary