

# November 14, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Arturi, Mrs. Picton, Mr. Smith, Mr. Talbot

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Treadway

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer, Mr. Chute

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

## REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Talbot, Secretary, conducted the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 7:35PM and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Treadway.

### Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 10/17/05 minutes as written. By Mr. Arturi, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

### Correspondence

Petruno, 22 Sunny Ridge Road, vinyl siding. The members looked over the information sent by Michelle Keller (Mr. Petruno's daughter) regarding the Mastic vinyl siding. Mr. Talbot asked the members what their thoughts were about the use of vinyl siding on a non-contributing building.

Mr. Arturi said he is not a fan of vinyl siding, but considering the distance from the road, he does not know if it could be determined whether or not the siding is vinyl. He added, the Commission should see a sample of the material. Mrs. Picton asked if there is more than one kind of vinyl siding in case they don't like this one. Mr. Talbot commented that vinyl siding was used on the Housing Trust at 16 Church Street if anyone would like to drive by and have a look. He said if the Commission is willing to consider this application, more information will be required; a sample of the siding and a picture of the actual shutter to be used.

Mr. Arturi commented that as a non-contributing building he would be willing to consider this application as long as the Commission would not be setting a precedent. Since the HDC Regulations discourage the use of vinyl siding, he suggested that if the Commission were to approve the application, he would like to see the approval be a narrow approval, specific to that property.

Mr. Talbot said he was not in favor of vinyl siding and thought the applicant should consider more traditional siding.

Mr. Smith said it is a non-contributing house and far away from the road. He noted that people think they are saving on maintenance, but vinyl siding does not breathe and there is a potential for damage by dampness and also UV degradation from sunny spots.

A letter will be sent to Mrs. Keller.

MOTION: To add Connolly, 86 Calhoun Street, to the agenda for a discussion regarding solar panels. By Mr. Arturi, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

Mr. Talbot said that Mr. Connolly contacted him to ask about installing solar panels on his house. The state has an incentive program and will pay for half of the installation. Mr. Talbot informed Mr. Connolly

that he would have to apply to HDC telling him where the panels will be installed, what they will look like and what will be seen from the road.

Mrs. Picton asked if the panels have to be on the roof. No, they do not.

Mr. Talbot will send a letter to Mr. Connolly and include page 13 from the Rules and Regulations and also a page from the CT Statute Sec. 7-147f regarding installation of solar energy systems.

#### Other Business

MOTION: To accept the Historic District Commission Calendar for the year 2006. By Mr. Arturi, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Mr. Arturi

Mr. Talbot adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk