

March 21, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Picton, Mr. Smith, Mr. Treadway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Graney, Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Chute, Mr. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer

PUBLIC HEARING

Chute /8 Kirby Road /Extend existing stockade fence.

Mr. Treadway opened the Public Hearing at 7:38PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted February 28, 2005, by Ronald K. and Nancy S. Chute, 8 Kirby Road, to extend an existing stockade fence. He read the legal notice, which appeared in **Voices** on 3/13/05. Mr. Treadway seated Members Picton, Smith and Treadway and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Graney. Mr. Chute was there to represent himself.

Mr. Treadway asked Mr. Chute to present his application to the Commission. Mr. Chute explained that at some time in the past, The Gunnery tore down a barn and turned the space into a parking area. He said they also put up the existing stockade fence, which does not completely cover the parking lot. The Gunnery did not continue the fence because Dr. Fearon (previous owner of 8 Kirby Road) needed access to his house by means of a right of way through the parking area because at the time there was no other driveway. Since Mr. Chute now has another driveway, he wants to put up the stockade fence to block the view of the parking lot. The Commission looked at the photos and site plan and discussed them with Mr. Chute.

Mr. Chute said he has tried to plant trees and also a privet hedge, but neither worked because the area is too shady. Mr. Treadway asked if the fence would be visible from the road. Yes, Mr. Chute showed him the photo of the view from the road. Mr. Treadway asked how long the fence would be. Fifty feet.

Mr. Treadway read the Commission a note from Mr. Graney. Mr. Chute commented that the Rubensteins did not put up the stockade fence; the Gunnery did. Mr. Treadway read again from the note, which stated, 'recent conversations with Bob Ullram and Susan Graham confirmed that The Gunnery did not put up the fence'.

Mr. Chute pointed out the site plan, which he revised on 3/9/05, to confirm that the stockade fence would now be on his property and not a continuation of the existing stockade fence on Gunnery property. He said the Zoning officer told him it was The Gunnery's responsibility to block off the view of the parking area. Mr. Chute said The Gunnery has been very nice in allowing the right of way so he wants to pay for the fence.

Mrs. Picton said she did not have a problem with the stockade fence and asked if it would be a standard stockade fence. Yes. Mrs. Rives also had no problem with the fence. Mr. Treadway agreed, but just for the record, he repeated that The Gunnery did not put up the fence. It was put up by the Rubensteins. Mr. Chute asked Mr. Treadway if he was certain of that. Mr. Treadway replied that Mr. Graney had looked into the Land Use records and the Rubensteins had never gone through the application process; neither had anyone else. Mr. Chute replied that he was the one who had mistakenly told Mr. Graney that the Rubensteins had installed the fence, but they had not; The Gunnery did.

Mr. Treadway asked if there were any more questions or discussion.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Chute if The Gunnery is happy with the fence going up. Yes. Mr. Treadway said as long as The Gunnery and neighbors do not object, it works well for all parties.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Ronald K. and Nancy S. Chute, 8 Kirby Road, to extend existing stockade fence. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 4-0.

Mr. Treadway closed the Public Hearing at 7:45PM.

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. Treadway called the meeting to order at 7:46PM, seated the members and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Graney.

Pending Business

Chute /8 Kirby Road /Extend existing stockade fence.

Mr. Treadway asked the members if they were ready to vote. All agreed they were.

MOTION: To approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted February 28, 2005, by Ronald K. and Nancy S. Chute, 8 Kirby Road, to construct a stockade fence 50ft long and 8ft high within their property line as shown on the site plan submitted 2/28/05 and revised 3/09/05. This work is to be completed by March 21, 2006; or else this approval shall be void. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 4-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 2/14/05 minutes as written. By Mrs. Picton, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 4-0.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Mrs. Rives.

Mr. Treadway adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk