

April 17, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Arturi, Mr. Chute, Mrs. Picton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Mills

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Eldridge, Mr. & Mrs. Wodtke, Mr. Diller, Ms. Moylan, Residents

At the 3/20/06 Public Hearing for Wodtke, 81 Green Hill Road, Mr. Smith specifically asked for Mrs. Picton's input regarding this application, so Mr. Arturi changed the order of the Agenda to wait for her.

Eldridge /4 Parsonage Lane /Replace entryway and window on back of house.

Mr. Arturi opened the Public Hearing at 7:34PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 3/13/06 by Deborah Eldridge, 4 Parsonage Lane, to replace an entryway and window on the back of her house. He read the legal notice which appeared in **Voices** on 4/9/06. Mr. Arturi seated the members and seated Alternate Boyer for Mr. Talbot and Alternate Rives for Mr. Smith. Ms. Eldridge was present.

The Commission looked over photographs and drawings submitted with the application. Ms. Eldridge also brought a site plan. She pointed out the large picture window on the back of the house which is responsible for a great loss of heat. She would like to remove it and replace it with two windows to match all existing windows on the house. The members determined that any work done on the back of the house will not be visible from any public way.

Mrs. Picton arrived at 7:36PM and was seated.

Next the members looked at the drawings of the south side porch and discussed whether it could be seen from a public way. Ms. Eldridge wants to move the door and one window. The south side porch is not visible from Route 47 or Parsonage Lane because of the hedge. Ms. Eldridge remarked that even with the hedge removed, a person would have to walk down a private driveway (shared by three houses) to see the south side porch. Mr. Arturi said they should go on the assumption that it might be seen. Mrs. Picton commented even if it could be seen, it wouldn't be a big deal. Mrs. Rives said she drove by and was not able to see much.

Mr. Arturi asked the members if they had any additional questions. There were none. He asked if anyone in the audience had any comments for or against the application. Susan Schultz and Cynthia Williamson both thought it was a great idea.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Deborah Eldridge, 4 Parsonage Lane to replace entryway and window on back of house. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

Mr. Arturi closed the Public Hearing at 7:47PM.

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

Wodtke(continued) /81 Green Hill Road /Remove shutters from house.

Mr. Arturi reconvened the Public Hearing at 7:48PM to consider the application for Certificate of

Appropriateness submitted 2/27/06, by Peter and Barbara Wodtke, 81 Green Hill Road, to remove shutters from their house. He seated the members and Alternate Boyer for Mr. Talbot and Alternate Rives for Mr. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Wodtke were present.

Mr. Arturi noted that although none of the members who were present at the 3/20/06 Public Hearing objected to the shutters being removed, Mr. Smith thought the Commission should hear Mrs. Picton's opinion before a final vote. Mrs. Picton stated she had no objections.

Mr. Arturi asked the members if they had any additional questions. No. He asked if anyone in the audience had comments in favor or against.

Mrs. Schultz said her house was built in the 1770's. At one time she had considered putting shutters back on her house and asked if houses built at that time had shutters. Mrs. Picton replied that shutters did not come in until the 1830's, so probably her house had been around awhile before shutters were added. Also, there is no law that says you have to take a house back to its original appearance. In addition, Mrs. Picton stated, shutters are not a permanent part of a building.

Mr. Arturi asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Peter and Barbara Wodtke, 81 Green Hill Road, to remove shutters from their house. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 5-0.

Mr. Arturi closed the Public Hearing at 7:53PM.

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Greenfield /12 Ives Road /Modify existing Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Arturi opened the Public Hearing at 7:54PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 3/29/06, by James Greenfield, 12 Ives Road, to modify his existing Certificate of Appropriateness, issued 8/15/05. He read the legal notice which appeared in **Voices** on 4/9/06. Mr. Arturi seated the members, seated Alternate Boyer for Mr. Talbot and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Smith. Mr. Erich Diller, E.J. Diller Design, represented Mr. Greenfield.

Mr. Diller explained that the existing Certificate of Appropriateness, issued 8/15/05, needs to be modified due to the fact that the Zoning Board of Appeals stipulated in their approval for Mr. Greenfield, that the height of the roof ridge be reduced by 1ft 9in.

In addition, Mr. Diller said he would like to request access to the garage floor from the Ives Road elevation. He would like to add two doors with sliding barn doors over them. He said he is trying to keep it understated. Mr. Chute reiterated the barn would be a walk-in from Ives Road. Mr. Diller said that was correct.

Mrs. Picton said if ZBA requested the roof be lowered she did not have a problem with it. Mrs. Boyer said the changes make the barn better. All agreed.

Mr. Arturi asked the members if they had any more questions. No. He asked if anyone in the audience had comments for or against the application. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for

James Greenfield, 12 Ives Road, to modify the existing Certificate of Appropriateness. By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

Mr. Arturi closed the Public Hearing at 8:03PM.

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Callaghan & Weiss /229 Calhoun Street /Build fence.

Mr. Arturi opened the Public Hearing at 8:04PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 3/30/06 by Lydia Callaghan and Adam Weiss, 229 Calhoun Street, to build a fence. He read the legal notice which appeared in **Voices** on 4/9/06. Mr. Arturi seated the members, seated Alternate Boyer for Mr. Talbot and Alternate Rives for Mr. Smith. Sarah Moylan of S. Russell Groves Architects was present to represent them.

Ms. Moylan explained the fence is mostly outside of the historic district. It will be 4ft tall with three rails to match the existing fence. The members looked at photographs and site plan which were submitted with the application. They noted that only part of the fence would be in the historic district and did not have a problem with it.

Mr. Arturi asked the members if they had any further comments or questions. There were none. He asked if there were comments from the public either for or against this application. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Lydia Callaghan and Adam Weiss, 229 Calhoun Street, to build a fence. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mr. Chute and passed 5-0.

Mr. Arturi closed the Public Hearing at 8:10PM.

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REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Arturi called the meeting to order at 8:11PM, seated the members, seated Alternate Boyer for Mr. Talbot and Alternate Rives for Mr. Smith.

Pending Business

Eldridge /4 Parsonage Lane /Replace entryway and window on back of house.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted March 13, 2006 by Deborah Eldridge, 4 Parsonage Lane, to move one entrance and one window on south side porch as described in drawings by J.D. Thorson received 3/13/06. This work is to be completed by April 17, 2007; or else this approval shall be void. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 4-0.

Wodtke /81 Green Hill Road /Remove shutters from house.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted February 27, 2006, by Peter and Barbara Wodtke, 81 Green Hill Road, to remove the shutters from their house. This work is to be completed by April 17, 2007; or else this approval shall be void. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mr.

Chute and passed 5-0.

Greenfield /12 Ives Road /Modify existing Certificate of Appropriateness.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted March 29, 2006, by James Greenfield, 12 Ives Road, to modify the existing Certificate of Appropriateness to include reducing the pitch of the roof from a 10 pitch to a 9 pitch, a total of 1ft 9in, and slightly modify the Ives Road elevation from the former Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the transom window facing Ives Road and to include basement access doors according to drawings by E.J. Diller Design, LLC received 3/28/06. This is to be completed by April 17, 2007; or else this approval shall be void. By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mrs. Picton and passed 5-0.

Callaghan & Weiss /229 Calhoun Street /Build fence.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted March 30, 2006, by Lydia Callaghan and Adam Weiss, 229 Calhoun Street, to construct an unfinished cedar fence w/1"x1" black wire mesh. Fence will be 4ft tall with three rails and 6"x6" posts to match the existing fence as shown in photos submitted with the application. There will be three gates; two will be 3ft wide, one will be 8ft wide. This work is to be completed by April 17, 2007; or else this approval shall be void. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 5-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To accept the 3/20/06 minutes as corrected:

Pg.2, Par.5, Line 4;larger **than** it.....

Pg.6, Par.5, Line 5;but **it** will not.....

Pg.7, Par.2, Line 3;hands are **tied** by.....

Pg.7, Par.4, Line 2;worse **than** it is.....

By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

New Business

Mr. and Mrs. Wodtke expressed their concerns to the Commission regarding the seemingly endless project of their neighbors, Ann Khouri and Leonard Bass at 75 Green Hill Road. Other residents of the Washington Green Historic District who were present agreed; saying they thought the property posed a safety concern with the digging and large pile of dirt and felt they should be urged to finish the work as soon as possible. Mr. Arturi said he would ask the enforcement officer to do a site inspection and report back to him.

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

Mr. Arturi adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk

