

May 15, 2006

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Paolucci, Calhoun-Ives Residents

PUBLIC HEARING

Beck /132 Calhoun Street /Build new single family dwelling.

Mr. Arturi opened the Public Hearing at 7:35PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 4/27/06 by Pamela Beck to construct a single family dwelling at 132 Calhoun Street. He read the legal notice which appeared in **Voices** on 5/7/06. Mr. Arturi seated the members and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Talbot.

Mrs. Beck was unable to be present. Mr. Arturi read a note and an e-mail from Mrs. Beck into the record. She stated she was unable to get the information together that Mr. Talbot asked for in his application review. In addition, Mrs. Beck said she had some new plans to submit for review. She was not sure if she would be prepared for a Public Hearing in June and may just want to come for an informal discussion at that time.

Several residents of the Calhoun-Ives Historic District were present. They asked if they could come forward and have a look at the plans and site plan. As the residents were discussing the plans Mr. Arturi reminded them that, according to Mrs. Beck's e-mail, new plans were going to be submitted. Mr. Greenfield asked if an informal discussion was private. Mr. Arturi explained that an informal discussion is open to the public and held during a regular meeting in which the applicant and commission members discuss a project before taking it to a formal public hearing. The residents asked if they could look at the new plans when they come in. Yes.

The members discussed the application. Mrs. Beck indicated in her e-mail that she may want to come back to the Commission in June for an informal discussion, so rather than continue this Public Hearing, the members agreed to close it.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted April 27, 2006, by Pamela Beck, 132 Calhoun Street, to build a new single family dwelling. By Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Chute and passed 5-0.

Mr. Arturi closed the Public Hearing at 7:57PM.

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. Arturi called the meeting to order at 7:58PM, seated the members and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Talbot.

Pending Business

Beck /132 Calhoun Street /Build new single family dwelling.

The members briefly discussed the application. Since Mr. Talbot had asked for some additional information which was not submitted, and since Mrs. Beck indicated she might request an informal discussion in June, the Commission decided to deny without prejudice this incomplete application.

MOTION: To deny without prejudice the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted April 27, 2006 by Pamela Beck, 132 Calhoun Street, to build a new single family dwelling because the application is incomplete. By Mrs. Picton, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 5-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To accept the 4/17/06 minutes as written. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mr. Chute and passed 5-0.

Other Business

Paolucci /21 Kirby Road /Pool fence and rabbit hutch.

Rabbit hutch. Mrs. Paolucci showed the members a site plan and some photos. She noted the rabbit hutch would be tucked in behind the guest house and the green house. She said it is a wooden hutch and sits on posts. Mr. Arturi asked if it would be visible from the road. Mrs. Paolucci replied even without the shrubs, she did not think the hutch would be visible. Mrs. Picton said she did not think the hutch would be visible. Mr. Chute and Mr. Smith agreed. Mrs. Rives said she did not think it was an issue.

Pool Fence. Mrs. Paolucci said the pool cannot be seen from the road, but they need a fence around it because their children are 6 years, 4 years and 1 year old. She showed the members a picture of the type of fence they want. It is a 4ft high black mesh temporary fence on top of a stone wall. Mr. Smith said the fence must be strong enough so children cannot climb over.

Mr. Arturi said he thought it would be difficult to see from the road. Mr. Smith commented, even if it is visible, it is a temporary fence. Mr. Arturi said this is one of those issues where the hands of the Commission are tied because a pool fence is under the jurisdiction of the Building Official. Mr. Arturi added, if the fence is temporary and is taken up at the end of the season, the Commission does not have a say.

Khouri /75 Green Hill Road /Renovations.

Regarding concerns expressed by the neighbors at the April meeting, Mr. Arturi said he spoke to Mike Ajello, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, but has not received a report from him yet. He asked the members if they had any other comments. There were none.

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

Mr. Arturi adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk

