

July 18, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Chute, Ms. Gilchrist, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mr. Hollinger, Mr. Krimsky, Mrs. Mills

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Gunnery /99 Green Hill Road /Replace roof on the Cottage.

Ms. Gilchrist opened the Public Hearing at 7:45PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The Gunnery, 99 Green Hill Road, to replace the roof on the Cottage.

Mr. Smith recused himself from this Public Hearing.

Ms. Gilchrist seated members Chute, Gilchrist and Kerr. There was no one present to represent The Gunnery.

Since there was no one present to discuss or answer questions regarding this application, it was decided to continue the Public Hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting in August.

MOTION:

To continue the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The Gunnery, 99 Green Hill Road, to replace the roof on the Cottage.

By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mr. Kerr and passed 3-0.

Ms. Gilchrist closed the Public Hearing at 7:50PM.

This Public Hearing was recorded and is available in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

Chute /8 Kirby Road /Replace privacy fence.

Ms. Gilchrist opened the Public Hearing at 7:51PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Ronald and Nancy Chute, 8 Kirby Road, to erect a 48ft section of privacy fence.

Mr. Chute recused himself from this Public Hearing.

Ms. Gilchrist seated members Gilchrist, Kerr and Smith.

Ms. Gilchrist invited Mrs. Chute to come forward and present their application. Mrs. Chute showed a site plan and some photos to the Commission. She explained to the members that the 48ft length of fence had been installed by their neighbor, Ms. Williamson, in 2004 and was removed by her this June. Mrs. Chute showed the members on the site plan where the fence had been installed on Ms. Williamson's land about 2ft back from the property line which is located in the middle of the retaining wall. Mr. and Mrs. Chute are proposing to locate the new fence on their property in front of the retaining wall. Mrs. Chute explained to the members that their house is on the market and it is important for them to have a privacy

screen between the two properties.

Mr. Kerr asked if their new fence would replicate what was there. Mrs. Chute replied the fence would look like the existing fence and would consist of 4ft high cedar picket fence sections consistent with existing pickets. Mr. Kerr said it appears that nothing except the fence would be visible from the public way. Mrs. Chute said that is correct. Mrs. Chute read the letter to the Commission specifying work to be done and materials used.

Ms. Gilchrist asked the members if there was any further discussion. There was none.

MOTION:

To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Ronald and Nancy Chute, 8 Kirby Road, to erect a 48ft section of privacy fence.
By Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kerr and passed 3-0.

Ms. Gilchrist closed the Public Hearing at 8:05PM.

This Public Hearing was recorded and is available in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Gilchrist called the meeting to order at 8:07PM and seated the members.

Pending Business

Chute /8 Kirby Road /Replace privacy fence.

Ms. Gilchrist asked the members for their comments on this application. Mr. Smith said the only thing seen from the road will be some of the fence. Ms. Gilchrist said she has no issues with this application. All agreed.

MOTION:

To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Ronald and Nancy Chute, 8 Kirby Road, to erect a 48ft long section of fence behind the owner's property and along the boundary between the owner's property and their neighbor to the west. The fence will consist of posts and 4ft high cedar pickets, as shown in photographs and described in a letter submitted with the application (rec'd 7/5/11). This work is to be completed by July 18, 2012; or else this approval shall be void.
By Ms. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Kerr and passed 3-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION:

To accept the 6/20/11 minutes as written.

By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mr. Kerr and passed 3-0. **MOTION:**

To include for discussion items not posted on Agenda:

- a.) Walkway from Congregational Church to Museum.
- b.) Letter from Mr. Ajello ZEO, to 175 Calhoun Street LLC.

By Ms. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Kerr and passed 3-0.

- a.) Walkway from Congregational Church to Museum. The commissioners looked at the plans previously

approved for the Congregational Church. Ms. Gilchrist read a letter to HDC from the First Selectman, Mr. Lyon, in which he stated the Town would be ready soon to start work on the sidewalk and offered to come discuss this with the Commission. The members looked at the site plan and noted it was not entirely clear as to what materials would be used on the walkway. They agreed it would be a good idea to invite Mr. Lyon for a discussion at the August meeting. Ms. Gilchrist will write a letter.

b.) The Zoning Enforcement Officer wrote a letter to 175 Calhoun Street LLC regarding work done without permits. Ms. Gilchrist read this letter to the members and will wait to see if they reply.

Other Business

A. Photos of Historic Districts. Photos of the three districts were last recorded in 2006. The members agreed to take the photos again.

B. Speaker. The members agreed there were issues they needed to ask advice about, but agreed to wait and discuss when all members were present.

MOTION:

To adjourn. By Mr. Chute.

Ms. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha T. Shade, Clerk