

## September 15, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Graney, and Mrs. Picton.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Treadway and Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Rives, Mrs. Boyer and Mr. Chute.

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Yellen and Mr. Krentzman

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### **Kyte - Surnow(continued) /97 Calhoun Street /Renovations & addition to existing house, pool w/fence, pool house, terracing and stone walls.**

Mr. Smith reconvened the Public Hearing at 7:35PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 7/8/03 by Mr. Dennis Kyte and Mr. Seymour Surnow, 97 Calhoun Street, to make renovations and build an addition to the existing house, add a pool with fence, a pool house, terracing and stone walls. Mr. Smith seated the members and seated Alternate Chute for Mr. Talbot and Alternate Boyer for Mr. Treadway. Mr. Yellen represented Mr. Kyte and Mr. Surnow.

Mr. Smith referred to the letter sent to Mr. Kyte and Mr. Surnow which indicated the type of information needed on the new set of drawings. Mr. Yellen stated it was impossible to get the new drawings finished in time to submit them by September 2nd. He brought the new plans with him to show to the Commission at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Yellen offered to let the second Public Hearing make their presentation first since his hearing might require a lengthy discussion. Mr. Smith advised him that there would probably not be much discussion since all plans must be reviewed by Mr. Talbot before going to a Public Hearing. He asked Mr. Yellen to leave the drawings along with any instructions and Mr. Talbot would review them as soon as possible. Mr. Treadway will also look at the new plans. Mr. Smith said a special meeting could be held if necessary, or wait until the next scheduled meeting. He informed Mr. Yellen that the Commission might likely deny without prejudice and just start from the beginning with all the new information at the next meeting.

Mr. Smith asked the members if they had any additional questions or comments. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Mr. Kyte and Mr. Surnow, 97 Calhoun Street, for renovations and addition to existing house, pool w/fence, pool house, terracing and stone walls. By Mr. Graney, seconded by Mr. Chute and passed 5-0.

Mr. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 7:46PM.

Due to technical difficulties, this Public Hearing was not recorded.

#### **Vanderlip /113 Woodbury Road /Add cedar fencing.**

Mr. Smith opened the Public Hearing at 7:48PM to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted August 27, 2003, by Caroline Vanderlip, 113 Woodbury Road, to install cedar fencing. He read the legal notice which appeared in **Voices** on 9/7/03. Mr. Smith seated the members and seated Alternate Boyer for Mr. Treadway and Alternate Chute for Mr. Talbot. Mr. Krentzman was there to represent himself and Ms. Vanderlip.

Mrs. Picton asked if this is the house opposite the Mayflower entrance. Yes. The members studied the photographs, fence styles and site plan (rec'd. 8/27/03). They asked where exactly the 60ft long fence would be installed and if there is an existing fence. Mr. Krentzman explained the black line drawn on the photo is where the fence will be installed. There is no existing fence, only shrubs. He added, the fence would work as a buffer and keep noise from the back yard.

Mrs. Picton commented that generally the Commission does not encourage fences in the historic districts because they block off views from the public way. However, she understands why he wants a fence since his house is across from the Mayflower entrance.

The members looked over the page of various fence styles. The proposed fence style had been circled. Mrs. Boyer said she is aware HDC has no jurisdiction over color, but asked Mr. Krentzman if they have decided on a color for the fence. No. Mr. Chute thought the fence would look better unpainted. Mrs. Picton agreed - it would be less conspicuous. Mr. Smith said he did not care for the arc on the fence. Mrs. Picton noted a perfectly straight silhouette does not look that well. There are no straight lines in nature. Mrs. Boyer thought a slight bow in the fence would be preferable. She also did not think the fence should be like the one across the street or the one at St. John's-it should have its own character. Mr. Graney suggested the tops of the fence posts should have caps, not acorns.

The Commission continued to study and discuss the fence styles. They agreed on three styles, any of which would be appropriate. Mr. Graney read from page 8 of the "Guidelines" regarding fencing.

The members discussed the size of the panels and height of the fence. Mr. Krentzman said he was not sure how wide the panels are. They appear to be 8 to 10ft wide. Mr. Chute asked Mr. Krentzman if an 8ft high fence would work better. Yes, he prefers 8ft high, it would keep out more light and noise. Mr. Smith noted that they are already adding 6ft with the slope of the hillside, so a 6ft fence should be sufficient. All agreed. A 6ft high fence was asked for in the application, so Mr. Smith said the Commission would act on that. If Mr. Krentzman wants to consider an 8ft fence in the future, he can come back to the Commission. Mr. Krentzman agreed.

Mr. Smith asked the members if they had any additional comments or questions. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Caroline Vanderlip, 113 Woodbury Road, to install cedar fencing. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Graney and passed 5-0.

Mr. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 8:25PM.

Due to technical difficulties, this Public Hearing was not recorded in its entirety. This tape is on file in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

## REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:27PM and seated Alternate Boyer for Mr. Treadway and Alternate Chute for Mr. Talbot.

Pending Business

**Kyte - Surnow(continued) /97 Calhoun Street /Renovations & addition to existing house, pool w/fence, pool house, terracing and stone walls.**

The Commission agreed to deny this application without prejudice. The information was inadequate for

making a decision. A letter will be sent to Mr. Kyte and Mr. Surnow informing them that the new plans which were brought to the meeting tonight will be reviewed to see if they are sufficient for the next meeting.

MOTION: To deny without prejudice the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted July 8, 2003, by Dennis Kyte and Seymour Surnow, 97 Calhoun Street, to make renovations and build an addition to the existing house, for the following reason: At the time of this vote, the Commission found this application to be incomplete. By Mrs. Picton, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 5-0.

**Vanderlip /113 Woodbury Road /Add cedar fencing.**

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted August 27, 2003, by Caroline Vanderlip, 113 Woodbury Road, to install cedar fencing as indicated in the information submitted with the application. The fence is to be six feet in height, cedar, with square caps, per Platt's Board Screen Fencing Style#2, Style#3 or Style#8. This work is to be completed by September 15, 2004; else this approval shall be void. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Chute and passed 5-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 8/18/03 site inspection report as written. By Mr. Graney, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 5-0.

MOTION: To approve the 8/18/03 minutes as written. By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mr. Graney and passed 5-0.

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

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Secretary