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ENFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2022 - 7:00 PM

ENFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ENFIELD TOWN HALL

820 ENFIELD STREET, ENFIELD, CT 06082

Call to Order

Chairman Tatoian called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call

Present for the meeting were:

Chairman Richard Tatoian, Vice Chairman Raymond Gwozdz, Secretary Nancy Smyth,
Commissioner Colleen Reidy, Commissioner Marie Troiano, Commissioner Linda Fallon (Alt)

Absent: Commissioner Lillian Troiano (Alt)

Also Present: Nicole Maruca Zoning Enforcement Technician and Alexis Nai,
Recording Secretary

Fire Evacuation Announcement

Chairman Tatoian Read the fire evacuation announcement.

Approval of Minutes

a. January 26, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to approve the minutes of January 26, 2022. Commissioner Fallon seconded the motion. Commissioner Smyth abstained.

Vote: 5-0-1

b. February 23, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Smyth motioned to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022. Commissioner Gwozdz seconded the motion. Commissioner Reidy abstained.

Vote: 5-0-1

Old Business

None

Public Participation

Chairman Tatoian opened the meeting to the public. There was no public participation.

Reading of Legal Notice

Clerk Smyth read the legal notices.

Public Hearing(s)

- c. **HDC# 483 – 1123 Enfield St** – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof, windows, siding, walkway, and change of exterior paint color; Enfield Properties LLC Owner/Applicant; Map 20/Lot 123; HR-33 Zone.

Commissioner Marie Troiano recused herself from the hearing. Chairman Tatoian appointed Commissioner Fallon as a voting member for the hearing.

Todd Barsalou – Distinctive Home Improvements, Frank Troiano – Owner, spoke on behalf of the application.

Chairman Tatoian validated the house location and year built was in 1805.

The Commission reviewed the packet with the examples of the roofing.

Mr. Barsalou showed the commission a sample of the roof. He also showed a picture of a local home as an example, with the same style shingle and charcoal color of the roof. They will be re-siding the front of the house with yellow siding and repainting the green paint yellow.

Chairman Tatoian questioned if the windows are 9 panes over 1 pane.

Mr. Barsalou stated they are 6 over 6 and he is proposing 6 over 1.

Chairman Tatoian confirmed they are painting the house yellow and clarified the Commission does have jurisdiction over the paint.

Mr. Barsalou stated it will be a nice paint.

Mr. Troiano stated he thinks the yellow will help it stand out.

The Commission reviewed the walkway.

Commissioner Gwozdz questioned if the walkway will replace anything.

Mr. Troiano stated there is currently a slate walkway which will be replaced with paver stones. It will connect from the door to the driveway.

Mr. Barsalou stated it will probably go a couple feet further than where it is now.

Chairman Tatoian asked the Commission if there were any other questions.

Chairman Tatoian opened the application hearing to the public. There was no public participation.

Commissioner Fallon motioned to approve HDC# 483 – 1123 Enfield St – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof, windows, siding, walkway, and change of exterior paint color; Enfield Properties LLC Owner/Applicant; Map 20/Lot 123; HR-33 Zone with the general standard conditions. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gwozdz noted everything proposed is very necessary and appropriate for the area and appreciates the effort to go through the proper guidelines. All were in favor. The application was approved.

Vote: 5-0-0

- d. **HDC# 484 – 1264 Enfield St** – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install signage for the Enfield High School; Town of Enfield, Owner/Applicant; Map 19/Lot 68; HR-33 Zone.

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

Nicole Maruca spoke on behalf of the application.

Ms. Maruca stated all they are changing on the sign is Head Start to Eagle Academy and changing the mascot. She added a law case in their packet regarding the signage. The HDC cannot regulate government signage. It will look the same, only the mascot and wording will change.

Chairman Tatoian confirmed the content is out of their jurisdiction while the shape and size is not. Chairman Tatoian questioned if it is a two-sided sign at the same location.

Clerk Smyth questioned where the sign will be placed and if it would be on the island near the fire hydrant.

Ms. Maruca stated she believed so.

Chairman Tatoian opened the hearing to the public.

Walter Kruzel, 21 Charnley Rd, Enfield, CT- Former BOE Chairman, noted he came before the Commission last June. The sign should be in the same spot on the North side of the driveway because there are bushes on the other side. There was a little light on the sign previously that should be replaced so it can be seen at nighttime.

Commissioner Smyth stated if it was on the South side, there are bushes, and it would be hard to see.

Mr. Kruzel stated he was promised a traffic light at the school a few years ago, which would resolve some of the traffic issues.

Chairman Tatoian Closed the hearing.

Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to approve HDC# 484 – 1264 Enfield St – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install signage for the Enfield High School; Town of Enfield, Owner/Applicant; Map 19/Lot 68; HR-33 Zone to be replaced in the same location as it was before. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion. All were in favor. The application was approved.

Vote: 5-0-0

Other Business

Commissioner Troiano would like to find out how the Commission can get approval for the decorative street signs for the Historic District. She looked at several Historic Districts Street signs and liked Hazardville' s the best. She also likes the consistency within town. Commissioner Troiano questioned how they get the approval and how do they pay for it. The signs would be the actual signs vs the toppers. She feels like it's a beautification of the historic district. Since she's been on the Commission, they have not done any projects to help enhance the district.

Ms. Maruca said she will speak with Lori and Nelson because it is a State Highway as well as DPW to see what approvals need to be done for the street signs and how to go about acquiring funding.

Chairman Tatoian questioned if the State put up the existing street signs in Hazardville.

Ms. Maruca stated when Hazardville was done, the State paid for and installed the signs.

Commissioner Fallon stated they also had pavers put in.

Ms. Maruca noted if they wanted to change the streetlights to match Hazardville, the Commission could reach out to a State Representative.

Chairman Tatoian questioned if they need to reach out to the State for the signs.

Ms. Maruca stated that is why she needs to speak with Lori and Nelson to find out if the State needs to be involved.

Chairman Tatoian likes the sign idea because there are the signs once the Historic District starts and ends and then throughout the district, they would have the decorative signs.

Commissioner Gwozdz questioned if the post is cost prohibitive, would we use the existing poles.

The Commission noted that it would be nice to have benches and flower beds around the walking routes.

Correspondence

None

Enforcement

Ms. Maruca noted there is a junk yard citation on the house selling lawnmowers and snow blowers. She spoke at the owners at the post office to replace the doors to the post office next meeting and it will be in the Enfield room because Town Council

Adjournment

Commissioner Fallon motioned to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Commissioner Gwozdz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 6-0-0

Note: Next Historic District Commission Meeting will be held on April 27, 2022 at 7PM.

By: Richard Tatoian, Chairman

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