

Subject to Approval

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting, Monday, March 28, 2016
7 p.m. at Madison Town Campus
Meeting Room B**

MEMBERS present: Chairman John Lind, Eric Berg, and Eileen Banisch.

ALTERNATES present: Peter Clement, Carol Snow.

OTHERS present: William McCullough.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman John Lind called the meeting to order at about 7:05 p.m.
2. **16-02. 69 Liberty Street.** Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to install a generator in the front yard.

William McCullough, applicant, stated that they are proposing to put a generator in an area of their house; he brought pictures to show where it goes in the front yard, near a corner of the house. This generator will be behind shrubs that are already there, and it will not be seen from Liberty Street, according to Mr. McCullough. Chairman Lind stated he has a couple of concerns—one of which being that he's concerned about it being more in the front of the property than toward the back of the property. Chairman Lind stated that he is also concerned the landscaping will not always be there; another concern is proximity to the neighbor's house—it's the noise factor. Commissioner Berg asked whether there are other options for placement, where it can vent itself and be the most direct source into the home. Mr. McCullough stated all of the utilities for the residence are coming in from the street, and it is a natural gas generator; therefore there is no other placement option. Commissioner Berg stated his generator turns on once a week for 20 minutes at the same time each week, as a test; then it will only turn on when there is a power loss.

Commissioner Banisch made the motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to install a generator in the front yard, with proper setbacks for the zoning code; it was seconded by Commissioner Snow and unanimously approved.

Vote to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness passed, 5-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind and Commissioners Berg, Banisch, Snow, and Clement.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

3. **Demolition Delay. 143 Beach Avenue.** Application filed by Nick Fischer to demolish the single family home at 143 Beach Avenue.

The house has reportedly already been demolished. No commissioners had any objection to it being demolished. Commissioners discussed whether any penalty could be discussed with the town planner, since a procedure has not been followed. If the house was demolished prior to the deadline, there should be a penalty, commissioners stated.

Chairman Lind made the motion to take no action on the demolition delay; it was seconded by Commissioner Berg and unanimously approved.

Vote to take no action on the demolition delay passed, 5-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind and Commissioners Berg, Snow, Banisch, and Clement.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

4. **Status Report:**

- a. **Historic District Walking Tour/Brochure, Guilford Savings Bank, Carol ~ No report.**
- b. **Review and make recommendations for changes to the Guidelines, John ~ No report.**
- c. **Historic Properties (not within existing Historic District) that are at risk. Consideration of possible actions? Identify possible properties which fall into this category, Carol ~ No report.**
- d. **Certified Local Government Application and subsequent Grant Opportunities and possible uses/benefits, John ~ No report.**
- e. **Other activities ~ No report.**

5. **Review and approve minutes: Feb. 22, 2016 ~ No minutes were available.**

6. **Invoices ~ None.**

7. **Correspondence/New Business ~ None.**

8. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Berg made the motion to adjourn at approximately 7:37 p.m.; it was seconded by Commissioner Clement and unanimously approved.

Vote to adjourn passed, 5-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind and Commissioners Berg, Banisch, Clement, and Snow.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene H. Kennedy, clerk