

Subject to Approval

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021
7 p.m. at Madison Town Campus
Meeting Room: Zoom Online Webinar**

MEMBERS present: Chairman John Lind, Vice Chairman Thomas Boyle, and Commissioner Eric Berg.

MEMBERS absent: Susan Cartledge.

ALTERNATES present: Carol Snow.

OTHERS PRESENT: The meeting was available on and recorded through a Zoom online webinar.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman John Lind called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **21-12. 14 Meetinghouse Lane.** Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior lighting and exterior stairs for ramp.

This was discussed at the Sept. 27, 2021 meeting, but without a quorum, there could be no vote. Commissioner Eric Berg stated that he and Alternate Commissioner Carol Snow were at that meeting, and basically, they would have approved the application, had there been a quorum. Chairman Lind stated that they are doing upgrade changes at the academy, a new stair, a handicapped access ramp to meet Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements, and new lamp fixtures. Chairman Lind shared the application, the plans, the architectural drawings, and elevations, and the light fixture documents. The new light fixtures have a more historic look to them, and they will replace what Commissioner Snow described as two spotlights that shine down. Because this is a historic building, the application had to be submitted, reviewed and approved by the state of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office, and all of that has taken place, according to Chairman Lind. As a local agency, the Historic District Commission must also review and approve the application.

Commissioner Berg made the motion to accept the application as indicated, with the proposed changes; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas Boyle, and unanimously approved.

Vote to accept the application for 14 Meetinghouse Lane passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind, Vice Chairman Boyle and Commissioners Berg and Snow.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

3. **21-13. 446 Boston Post Road.** Owner/Applicant: Elizabeth & Michael Vogel. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish a two-car garage and replace with a three-car garage.

Owner and Applicant Elizabeth Vogel stated that the existing garage is falling down, rotting, and there is a hole in the roof, due to an electrical storm; the two-car existing garage will be replaced with a three-car garage. Chairman Lind shared photographs of the existing garage, as well as

photographs of adjacent properties, a series of drawings for the proposed garage, photographs of other three-car garages built by the same company, and architectural drawings with elevations. Ms. Vogel stated that the new garage will be moved slightly north, toward the street, and set back. A 26 inch maple tree will be removed, but a 60 inch tulip tree will remain, according to Michael Vogel, owner and applicant. Commissioner Berg asked why the garage is being moved, and Ms. Vogel explained that it is being angled for ease in use. Plans are to put in foundation plantings around the new structure, according to Ms. Vogel.

Vice Chairman Boyle made the motion to accept the application as submitted; it was seconded by Commissioner Berg, and unanimously approved.

Vote to accept the application for 446 Boston Post Road passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind, Vice Chairman Boyle and Commissioners Berg and Snow.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

4. **132 Kelsey Place.** Demolition Delay.

Chairman Lind shared photographs of the existing building, which was built in 1934 and is 87 years old. Vice Chairman Boyle stated that he was in that house 10 years ago, and it really is a cottage. It is a pretty impressive piece of land with nice views; the land goes toward the water, according to Vice Chairman Boyle, who added that it is typical of an old beach cottage.

Commissioner Snow 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 a demolition delay for 132 Kelsey Place passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind, Vice Chairman Boyle and Commissioners Berg and Snow.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

5. **Review and approve minutes:** September 27, 2021

Commissioner Berg made the motion to approve the minutes of Sept. 27, 2021, as submitted; it was seconded by Commissioner Snow and approved.

Vote to approve the Sept. 27, 2021 minutes as submitted, passed, 3-0-1.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind and Commissioners Berg and Snow.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: Vice Chairman Boyle.

6. **Correspondence/ New Business.**

Chairman Lind discussed the possibility of being able to obtain a new member on the commission, after he stated that he had been in conversation with someone who expressed interest. Chairman Lind plans to check into how this process may be moved forward with town officials and the nominating committees of the political parties. The Historic District Commission is supposed to have eight members, consisting of five regular members and three alternates; there are two regular member vacancies.

7. **Adjournment.**

Chairman Lind made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.; it was seconded by Commissioner Berg and unanimously approved.

Vote to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind, Vice Chairman Boyle, and Commissioners Berg and Snow.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene H. Kennedy, clerk