

BOROUGH OF FENWICK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 28, 2016
4 NIBANG AVENUE, 5:00 PM

A Special Meeting of the Fenwick Historic District Commission was held at 4 Nibang Avenue, Old Saybrook, Connecticut on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. Notice of the meeting was posted in a timely manner on the Fenwick kiosk and in the Borough office.

Members Present: Matt Myers, Patsy Jones, David Savin, Joan Wright, Pam Christensen (Alternate), Valerie Bulkeley (Alternate).

Members Absent: Honey Adams, Susan Webster (Alternate).

Others Present: Marilyn Ozols, ZEO and HDC Compliance Official, E. Glance, B. Girty.

1. Call to order.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and seated V. Bulkeley as a voting member. A quorum was established (Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley).

2. 12 Agawam Avenue, map 11, lot 53. Carol & John Coutts, Jr., owners; CSM Development, applicant; Modification Application HDC16-016 to screen existing porch.

E. Glance presented. He demonstrated on the photographs and renderings the proposed area to be screened and indicated that the struts will match the existing; the screens will come up to the columns but the columns will still be visible; there will be a 3½ inch wood frame with 2½ inch interior framing, the same as is existing; there will be a double screened door in the center; and no lights will be added. Members noted that the proposal continues the same style and dimensions as the existing screened area.

Based on the discussion, **J. Wright moved to approve the application as submitted and to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for Modification Application HDC16-016, 12 Agawam Avenue to screen the existing porch. P. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

For: Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley.

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

3. 15 Agawam Avenue, map 10, lot 41. Virginia Bush, owner; CSM Development, applicant; Modification Application HDC16-017 to replace existing brick walkway with bluestone walkway.

E. Glance presented. He stated that the house has a bluestone patio but the existing walkway is brick and the owners would like to make the walkway match the patio. Members reviewed the renderings and agreed that the proposed walkway has a good curve and is attractive.

Based on the discussion, **J. Wright moved to approve the application as submitted and to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for Modification Application HDC16-017, 15 Agawam Avenue to replace the existing brick walkway with a bluestone walkway. P. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

For: Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley.

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

- 4. Reconsideration of Certificate of Appropriateness Conditions: 23 Pettipaug Avenue**, map 10, lot 23. Attilio & Jetta Albani, owners; Brook Girty, applicant; Modification Application HDC16-014 for light fixtures, enlarged lattice, garbage enclosure, and gate.

B. Girty and P. Christensen presented. B. Girty asked that the Commission reconsider its disapproval of the porch and terrace lights, stating that the owners had seen similar lights in the Borough and liked them. V. Bulkeley noted that when she was taking photographs for the architectural inventory she observed a number of houses with similar lights. P. Christensen added that there are similar lights on the Wade, Schneider, Frankel, Navarro, and Haviland houses; she believed HDC had reviewed and approved those on the Wade and Haviland houses; and the design actually falls into the correct period for Fenwick. Members noted that the concern at the last meeting was that they appeared to be more like utility lights than exterior house lights, but that after further review this does not appear to be the case.

V. Bulkeley moved to reconsider the previous vote on HDC16-014; P. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

For: Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley.
Against: None.
Abstain: None.

Based on the discussion, **V. Bulkeley moved to modify the Certificate of Appropriateness for Modification Application HDC16-014, 23 Pettipaug Avenue to include approval of the porch and terrace lights as submitted. D. Savin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

For: Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley.
Against: None.
Abstain: None.

Members reviewed a photograph of the electric meter enclosure which was not included in prior Certificates of Appropriateness and agreed that this was a good way to hide the meter.

V. Bulkeley moved to further modify the Certificate of Appropriateness for Modification Application HDC16-014, 23 Pettipaug Avenue to include the electric meter enclosure. P. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

For: Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley.
Against: None.
Abstain: None.

It was determined that the new split rail fence is an in-kind replacement of an existing fence and did not require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

- 5. 29A Pettipaug Avenue**, map 10, lot 20-1. Scott & Ann Pulver, owners; Brook Girty, applicant; Modification Application HDC16-013 modified to add a flagstone walkway.

It was noted that a flagstone walkway from the driveway to the front door had been installed. This was not included in any previous Certificates of Appropriateness. Members agreed that the walkway looked fine but expressed concern that it was installed prior to being addressed by HDC. Members agreed that the application form should be revised to indicate the fee for an after-the-fact application and will discuss their concern with work done prior to application at a future meeting.

Based on the discussion, **V. Bulkeley moved to modify the Certificate of Appropriateness for Modification Application HDC16-013, 29A Pettipaug Avenue to include the flagstone walkway. D. Savin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

For: Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley.
Against: None.
Abstain: None.

6. Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2016.

D. Savin moved that the minutes of the previous HDC meeting on June 4, 2016 be accepted as distributed. P. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

For: Myers, Jones, Savin, Wright, Bulkeley.

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

7. Other Business.

V. Bulkeley informed the members that she has been working on the photo inventory of all the houses in the Borough and it is almost complete.

No applications have been received for the July 9 regular meeting, but the Commission will hold an organizational meeting.

8. Adjourn.

On a motion by D. Savin, seconded by P. Jones it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn M. Ozols, Acting Clerk