

Town of Suffield Historic District Commission

Minutes of Meeting - July 7, 2014

First Floor Meeting Room - Suffield Town Hall
7:30 P.M.

Present: Doug Mayne, Brendan Begley, David Bahlman, Margery Warren, Skip Edmonds, John Schwemmer, Scott MacClintic

Doug Mayne called the meeting to order and Brendan Begley reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Begley made a motion to add the Kent Memorial Library revised window project to the agenda. Seconded by Scott MacClintic. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for the June 2, 2014 Meeting

Brendan Begley made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 2nd meeting. Seconded by John Schwemmer. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Items to Consider Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

432 South Main Street: Proposed Entry Porch

Mark O'Neill, owner of 432 S. Main St., appeared before the Commission as a follow-up to the emergency meeting of July 23, 2014 to present options for an entry porch on the south side of the rear addition. Mr. O'Neill presented three design options supplied by Artform Home Plans. After considerable discussion, Scott MacClintic made a motion to approve Option 3. Seconded by David Bahlman. Passed unanimously.

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361 South Street: Proposed Garage

Present to speak on behalf of the project was Steve Shea, owner of 361 South Street. Mr. Shea presented a site plan of the property and renderings and drawings of the pre-fabricated garage structure that would be modified by Mr. Shea. As the renderings and drawings were not adequate for the Commission to see clearly the design details, it was suggested that Mr. Shea return with adequate materials at the next meeting of the Commission on August 11, 2014. Many observations and suggestions were offered to Mr. Shea about design details that would be most compatible and sympathetic to the main house or the barn structure.

13 Bridge Street: Rear Addition

Lorraine Erikson and Michael Mancini were present to speak about their project. Detailed plans and photographs were presented to the Commission and lengthy discussion followed about all aspects of the design of the new proposed addition. David Bahlman moved to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed addition with the following stipulations to the plans and drawing submitted:

1. Transom windows on the proposed windows and doors of the new addition will be eliminated to be more compatible with existing windows on the existing structure, and
2. The upper frame of all new addition windows (horizontal window lintels) on the west elevation will align with the upper frame of windows on the west elevation of the existing structure, and
3. New addition windows and doors will be of all wood material, and the French doors and side panels of the French doors on the west elevation will not have simulated divided lights as shown in one of the earlier proposal drawings, and
4. If the porch/deck on the west side of the addition is removed, brick fascia will be added to the surface of the foundation below the new addition.

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The motion to approve was seconded by Scott MacClintic. Passed unanimously.

Kent Memorial Library: Replacement Window Project

Joe Sangiovanni, Jack Cloonan and Mel Chafetz were present to speak about the need to revise the proposal that had already been approved by the Historic District Commission. Because of the failure of the already approved Pilkington Energy Advantage window system to meet the necessary wind loads, the proposal is to move to a much heavier Cristacurva system that has a lower percentage of light transmittance. Samples of the approved windows and two new proposed windows were presented to the Commission (courtyard requires a less heavy window). The Commission requested that the samples be delivered to the library so that Commission members could inspect and analyze the difference between the approved windows and those of the new proposal.

New Checklist for Certificate of Appropriateness Applicants:

As the Commission has sensed the need for better instructions to C of A applicants, David Bahlman and John Schwemmer agreed to examine the checklists provided to applicants by other municipalities, and to draft a new application form for Suffield that incorporates a more detailed checklist of necessary materials to be submitted with C of A applications. The draft will be presented for discussion at the August meeting.

Status of Supplemental CLG Grant Application:

The \$30,000 Supplemental CLG Grant application for an update of Suffield's architectural surveys was delivered to the State Historic Preservation office prior to the deadline of June 10th, and review of the application will be conducted on Wednesday, July 9th at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Council. Doug Mayne will be present at the meeting to answer any questions that might come up concerning the application.

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Motion to Adjourn:

Skip Edmonds made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Scott MacClintic.
Passed unanimously