



## TOWN OF GROTON

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### AGENDA

#### Meeting

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

*2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall 7:30 PM*

*Identify members present. Dan Barton, Richard Chilcoat, Maureen Giattino, Pat Hardy, Sanford Johnson, Laura Moore (at 8:18P), Gina Perini*

7:32P *Open meeting*

*Welcome to new member Maureen Giattino*

7:30P: 14 Old Ayer Road: **PUBLIC HEARING continued**-Lawrence Academy, application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for two single story, Cape style, faculty residences of 1,444 sf., each residence including two parking spaces. **CONTINUED AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT TO 9/20/11.** *Public hearing continuance opened at 7:32P (LM not present); Dan Quaille presenting new changes to the building designs (dormer eliminated, non-working chimney added to help lessen massing, center porch column spacing re-located) but still keeping 2 SFD on the site. An additional site survey has been done, the formal application has been submitted to the Planning Board & a meeting scheduled for 9/22/11. DB is concerned that the landscaping needs to protect the existing neighbors privacy & view-shed, he requests to see a representative view from Old Ayer Rd/Main St. RC motion to **continue to 10/4/11 at 7:40P**, 2<sup>nd</sup>-GP; vote-unanimous.*

7:35 P: Lawrence Academy-Academy Drive: **PUBLIC HEARING continued**-Lawrence Academy, application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for two townhouse style residences of 1,376 sf., each residence including two parking spaces. **CONTINUED AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT TO 9/20/11.** *Public hearing continuance opened at 7:32P (LM not present) and run concurrently with 14 Old Ayer Rd (above). Not much change from initial presentation, not much visibility from Main St area. Siding, windows & trim to match existing faculty homes. SJ motion to closed public hearing at 8:13P, 2<sup>nd</sup>-PH; vote unanimous. PH motion to accept as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup>-RC; vote-unanimous.*

*DB thanks RC, SJ and 'team' for donating their own time to document & investigate the historical aspects of the Inn that remain since the tragic fire. RC says they were able to collect nails, window trim, the chimney breast plate, hidden pocket shutters with 1 coat of green paint (and graffiti from Mary E. Fellows - LA 1847) & a piece of paneling. Items presently at SJ's home; may have enough materials to create an exhibit of the lobby. Michelle Collette spoke to thank Mike Kinney & Joe Bosselait for their tireless work & open communication efforts with Mr. Pergantis.*

8:20 P: Main Street / Station Avenue: intersection improvements, informal discussion; Michelle Collette present. *The Town has applied for a grant to do this work & will be notified at the end of October if approved. If approved, must go to bid on Jan.1; utilities will be going underground, all work will be within the right of way.*

*DB, GP & SJ recused*

8:30 P: 134 Main Street: **PUBLIC HEARING continuation**-Boynton Meadows, application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a multi-use development. **Open public hearing at 8:40P.** Steve Wychorski, Sarah Cormier & Lorayne Black present. *The group is working hard to save some of the large trees & an existing stone wall (portions of which will need to be re-built, extended & have a pedestrian access opening). The existing building will have a more formal planting design & a terrace in the rear for residential & commercial use. There will be fencing-material not yet determined, street lamps, bollards, small stone walls & arbors in various areas. RC inquired if the existing historic fence line can be utilized & he & PH expressed an interest in more traditional lighting fixtures. The scale of the addition for the 134 Main building has been reduced, there is more exposed brick & less exposed glass. The commission comments that the overall roofline is long & inquires if it can step down a bit more. The commission comments that the vertical massing of the homes as demonstrated at the site walk was eye-opening & they would feel more comfortable with a 27'-30' height range; they inquired if shared garage space had been considered. The Benjamin Moore color palette, as shown, was OK but the number of colors on a single structure might be lessened. PH motion to continue public hearing to 10/4/11 at 8:15P, RC-2<sup>nd</sup>; vote-unanimous.*

Other Business:       Accept new applications  
                              Minutes

*Adjourned: 10:40P*