



## TOWN OF GROTON

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Historic Districts Commission

### AGENDA

#### Meeting

**Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

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

*Identify members present. Richard Chilcoat, Maureen Giattino, Pat Hardy, Sanford Johnson*

*7:40P Open meeting*

7:40P: 14 Old Ayer Road: **PUBLIC HEARING continuation**-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. *Linda Deasy, Dan Quaile & Peter Myette present, they have spoken with the Fire Chief regarding the driveway & he has requested that it be adjusted up to 16' from 12' for safety reasons. Carol Swift & Mike Weinberg, neighbors from 23 Old Ayer Rd expressed concerns: changes to the existing district, privacy for the neighbors, possible changes to the existing sports fields, & modern character of the 'new' homes. Halsey Platt asked the Commission not to approve the project as it is currently, he would like to see something more 'appropriate' for the district. Dan Quaile responded that he has been trying to work with the Royal Barry Willis style home & that over the course of the meetings the overall massing has been significantly reduced from the initial presentations. A letter from the Van Nest Family was read & DB's comments review for the record. All in attendance expressed concern for the increase in traffic & noise and the new college anticipated to be moving to the Old Ayer Rd area. RC acknowledges the concerns expressed & asks LA if there may be other options (only 1 house, barn style instead) that would address the concerns expressed by the neighborhood. Halsey Platt would prefer an increase in the height of the proposed unit and the 'out building' style; he wonders why 'a foundation' is driving the design of what is considered 'appropriate' within the historic districts of Groton. It is pointed out that if only a single unit is built at the 14 Old Ayer Rd site, there Academy Dr site will increase by a unit. Hearing continued to 10/18/11 at 7:40P.*

*o/o Town Hall rain garden / parking lot construction update by Michelle Collette. Lorayne Black presented the plantings plan and Michelle reviewed the need for a guardrail (similar to Wharton Row & 134 Main St-proposed) to protect the garden area. RC-needs an application with a sketch, HDC is willing to go to the DPW garage to see the materials if that would be helpful.*

*SJ recused & left meeting*

8:15 P: 134 Main Street: **PUBLIC HEARING continuation**-Boynton Meadows, application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a multi-use development. **Open meeting at 8:40P.** Brent & Steve from Maugel presenting - Planning Board has requested the buildings to be more spread out on the site and the driveways & front facing garage massing to be lessened; also they are willing to change the roof pitch to keep the height under 35'. RC comments that there are concerns about any demo on the historic front building. Lorayne Black presents some of the considerations for the plantings & the lighting. The public hearing is continued to 10/18/11 at 8:30P.

70 Hollis Street: request from Platt Bldrs to continue with the replacement window project previously approved; OK – no further review required.

Other Business: Town Hall rain garden / parking lot construction update by Michelle Collette. *SEE ABOVE*

Accept new applications

Minutes

Adjourned: 10:25P