

**Minutes Regular Meeting
November 21, 2017
Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room**

Members Present: Peter Benedict, Maureen Giattino, Greg Premru, George Wheatley
Others Present: Evan Boucher, Randall Hicks, George Barringer

Meeting Called to Order 7:35 PM

7:35 PM Town Field Shed Discussion:

Evan Boucher, Park Commission member presented photo of a shed/photo of location of a shed that the Groton Baseball organization would like to build on Town Field. The shed would be the colors of Town of Groton sport colors, maroon and white. The shed would be used for equipment only.

HDC questions

- *Would the garage currently located on the field stay if the shed is built?* The garage would stay because the new shed is needed for additional equipment/storage.
- *Would the shed be permanent?* No there will not be a foundation, so it can be moved.
- *Will there be food/concessions sold from shed/building?* No, shed is storage only.
- *Is the location shown in the photos critical?* No, if the HDC will like to see the shed located somewhere else that would be fine.

HDC would like to see the shed to be located next to the garage.

George Wheatley made a motion to approve the proposed baseball equipment shed on Town Field, with shed being located in back of the field behind the basketball courts, left of home plate painted in the Town of Groton sport colors, maroon and white. The motion seconded by Greg Premru.

Vote was unanimous

8:00 PM 201 Main Street

*Peter Benedict, HDC Chair read the Public Hearing notice into the record for **201 Main Street (MAP 112 Parcel 1) – Randall Hicks**, applicant for a Certificate of Appropriateness to consider the application submitted by Randall Hicks for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace asphalt shingles on roof above main building at 201 Main Street (MAP 112 Parcel 1) with black standing seam metal roofing to match the lower abutting roof at 201 Main Street, Groton, MA. Property owner: Dennis Murphy, Bare Hill Road, Harvard, MA*

Randall Hicks presented photos to the Commission of a proposed black standing seam metal roof and snow guard rail, he would like to install at 201 Main Street. The snow guard rail is to protect the ramp at site. A metal roof is best choice for the location because of ice dams and leaking that occur at the site because of existing conditions and existing roof. The proposed black standing metal roof would match the lower abutting roof at 201 Main Street that was approved by the HDC in 2016.

He would also like to add a snow guard to the roof installed in the fall of 2016 to protect cars parked at the site.

HDC questions - comments

- *George Wheatley expressed a concern allowing a metal roof in the district. Mr. Hicks stated that the metal roof is necessary because it is the only way to prevent the damage from snow and ice. The attic space plays a big part in why the metal roof is the best solution.*
- *Peter Benedict stated the HDC approved request in 2016, and should approve this one too. The color black is preferred.*

George Wheatley made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Greg Premru. Vote was unanimous.

Peter Benedict, Chair, asked for public input – No one present wished to speak.

Greg Premru made a motion to accept the proposal as presented and submitted by Randall Hicks to install a black standing seam metal roof and snow rail at 201 Main Street to replace existing asphalt shingles and add snow rail to lower abutting roof. Maureen Giattino seconded. Vote was unanimous

8:15 PM – Complete Street Committee Update – George Barringer

The Complete Street Committee received approval at Town Meeting to move forward with improving the crosswalks/sidewalks in the Town, granting 40K in funding. Mr. Barrington would like input from the HDC on color and design of improvements for Main Street. The Complete Streets Committee's mission is to add safety and walkability to Main Street, Main/Elm Street, and Old Ayer Road/Boston Road/Main Street and to the Town as a whole.

The handicap ramps going forward will be ADA compliant. The ramps/bumpouts/curb cuts/ will be installed per regulation. The mats of the ramps can be dyed in many colors. The mats will be a waffle shaped rubber material. There would be no loss to parking in town. The poles are black and smaller than the poles at the The Groton School. Lights are required by regulations; use is manual, not automatic. There will be 13 in all.

HDC questions - comments

Is the function of color for safety? Yes, but not mandatory

Are the ramps in town currently compliant? The current ramps are not compliant. They need to be rubber.

- *HDC would like color of crosswalk to be as dark as possible. Possibly brown.*

Mr. Barrington will communicate the Commission's input to the Complete Streets Committee.

8:30 PM 51 Hollis Street – Potential purchaser was not present. No discussion.

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George Wheatley made a motion to accept minutes of October 17, 2017 with corrections. Greg Premru seconded. Vote was unanimous

Next meeting December 19, 2017.

George Wheatley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Premru seconded. Vote was unanimous

Adjourned at 8:34 PM