

TOWN OF GROTON

**173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450
Historic Districts Commission
August 18, 2020
7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Members Present:

Peter Benedict, Maureen Giattino, George Wheatley, Laura Moore, Elena Beleno Carney

Members Absent: Elaine Chamberlain, Greg Premru

Others Present: Bob Collins, Christ Woitowicz, The Groton Channel, and Other Interested Parties

Admin Assistant: Kara Cruikshank

Meeting Called to Order 7:30pm by Chair Peter Benedict

Chair Benedict read the Legal Notice aloud.

GROTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Chris Woitowicz

71 Main Street

ASSESSORS MAP 113-13

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 7:30 pm. This meeting will be held remotely. Abutters and interested persons may participate in the hearing by following the instructions which will be provided at the beginning of the meeting. This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by Chris Woitowicz, owner seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for 71 Main Street, Assessors Map 113-13, for the construction of a garden shed at the rear of his property. Property owner: Chris Woitowicz, 71 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450 Assessors Map 113-13. Copies of the application and supporting materials are available for review by contacting the GHDC via the Land Use Dept, 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

71 Main Street – Construction of a garden shed at the rear of his property.

Homeowner, Mr. Chris Woitowicz, was present virtually, for the Hearing. Mr. Woitowicz explained the shed will be in the rear of the property. Mr. Woitowicz had a presentation of the rough sketch of the proposed garden shed. For the material, he would like to use wood trim and architectural shingles to match the house. The paint colors they would like to use a Benjamin Moore historic color. The windows purchased already are vinyl, but he is open to the commissioner's thoughts on the windows.

Mr. Benedict recommended to switch the windows on the north and south elevation to a two over two or 6 over 6, or a Brosco single pane window. Ms. Giattino liked the design and she agreed with Mr. Benedict on changing the windows to keep it uniform within the district.

Maureen made a motion for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a shed to be built, per the plan at 71 Main Street, Groton MA. White siding and clap boards, 2 over 2 window or 4 light barn sash, white siding and trim, Yarmouth Blue (Ben Moore) door and Architectural shingles.

The motion passed 5-0.

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**GROTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Kilbourn Place
240 Main Street
ASSESSORS MAP 112-90-0**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 7:45 pm. This meeting will be held remotely. Abutters and interested persons may participate in the hearing by following the instructions which will be provided at the beginning of the meeting. This meeting will be held to consider a request to amend the Certificate of Appropriateness issued for 240 Main Street Assessors Map 112-90-0. Property owner: Kilbourn Place, 240 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450 Assessors Map 112-90-0. Copies of the application and supporting materials are available for review by contacting the GHDC via the Land Use Dept, 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

240 Main Street- To amend the issued Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Bob Collins was present, virtually, to represent Kilbourn Place. The presentation showed supporting documents of Anderson window cut sheets. There are a couple of changes in response to comments made at last month's meeting, Mr. Collins stated. The side lights have been eliminated on the entrance of the right-hand facade. Also, the window portions of the doors are brought down to meet the bottom windows that are on either side of the doors. Mr. Collins also provided an alternative as to the dormers. The size of the dormers was discussed at last month's meeting. The provided alternative is without the dormers. Mr. Collins explained last year the design was approved, the trim was white, the shutters were black and the doors were a dark green. An alternative to this could be the trim would be a light ivory, and to still keep the black shutters and green doors. The roof shingles will be an architectural charcoal gray. Mr. Collins said commissioners will have to approve dormers or no dormers. The width of the window trim will be 4 1/2.

Comments/ Questions from the Commissioners

- *Ms. Moore liked the ivory or white for the trim.*
- *Mr. Wheatley prefers the white trim.*
- *Ms. Giattino and Mr. Benedict both agreed on liking the ivory trim with the brick building.*
- *Ms. Giattino asked- what is the width of the window trim?*
Mr. Collins stated it will be 4 1/2.

Comments /Questions from Abutters:

- *Can you confirm there will still be a fence?*
Mr. Collins stated there will be a fence, that is part of the landscaping that was approved last year.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to 240 Main Street, Groton, Ma, Kilbourn Place, for revisions proposed. Ivory paint to the trim and columns, wider dormers and lowered door windows with corrected cut sheets to be submitted. Also, absence of the side lights on the door to the right side of the facade.

The motion passed 5-0.

197 Main Street- Discussion

Bob Collins was present to represent the property owners, Robert and Rhonda Mullins. Mr. Collins said at July's meeting there were two outstanding items to be talked about, again. One item was to discuss the doors. The presentation showed the existing door which they are trying to replicate. The front entrance door, the door to 3 Court St and the two doors on the farmers porch will all be painted black with an exception of the door to the main entrance from 197 Main Street. This door will be stained a dark walnut.

The other element is a single lantern. The cut sheet showed the lantern is a one light outdoor lantern for the entrance on 3 Court Street. All the other exterior doors will have recessed lighting which will not be visible.

Questions/ Comments from Commissioners

- *Mr. Benedict thought the doors looked great and he liked the light. All the commissioners agreed.*

Maureen made a motion to include the following into a Certificate of Appropriateness for 197 Main Street, Groton MA. All entrance doors to be Simpson 7117, painted black except the front door and one lantern per the cut sheet, for the 3 Court Street door.

The motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes from June 23, 2020

Elena Beleno Carney made a motion to approve the minutes from June 23, 2020. George Wheatley seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

First parish Church was approved but no vote was taken for the sign permit application during the June meeting. Administrative assistant, Kara Cruikshank advised to the commissioners a vote was needed.

Elene Beleno Carney made a motion to approve the sign permit application for 1 Powderhouse Road and 3 Powderhouse Road at First Parish church.

The motion carried 5-0.

Minutes Approved: September 22, 2020