

TOWN OF GROTON

**173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450
Historic Districts Commission
September 22, 2020
7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Members Present:

Peter Benedict, Maureen Giattino, George Wheatley, Greg Premru

Members Absent: Elaine Chamberlain, Laura Moore, Elena Beleno Carney

Others Present: Attorney Bob Collins and The Groton Channel

Admin Assistant: Kara Cruikshank

Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 pm by Chair Peter Benedict

282 Farmers Row- Continued discussion- Landscape Design at the Groton School Dining Hall parking lot

Attorney Collins was present, virtually, to represent the Groton School. He explained this is a continuation discussion of the reconfiguration of the service area parking associated with the dining hall. Attorney Collins said, this discussion is of the landscaping. The dead and diseased trees have been removed. According to the design, there will be plantings to take the place of the removed trees. Seven street trees are to be planted along the driveway leading to the main campus. These trees will consist of Tulip Poplar and Sweet Gum. Additionally, there will be fifteen Norway Spruce, in six clusters, that will provide year-round greenery and ten Witch-hazel bushes. Attorney Collins said the end result will soften the appearance from the street.

The gate to the parking lot was a part of the discussion, as well. The gate that was proposed to the commissioners will look like a continuation of the existing gate, while it's closed. The presentation showed it as single-gate. Attorney Collins stated, he did believe it will become a double gate. The single gate may be problematic because of the weight and length.

There are currently two types of light fixtures at the school. There are lantern fixtures on the circle, that light the way. The second light fixture Attorney Collins described as a "hockey puck light". These two fixtures have been approved by the commissioners in the past. The lighting that will be installed will remain the same as previously approved.

Questions/ Comments from Commissioners:

Mr. Benedict: Are there going to be any fences for the exposed dumpsters at the back of the dining hall? Can the Commissioners have a detail on the gate if it is changed to a double gate?

Attorney Collins: There will be a wooden cedar fence that is to surround the dumpsters. Attorney Collins agreed to providing a detail on the fence for the dumpsters and the gate if it becomes a double gate.

Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2020

Mr. Premru made a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2020. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted: January 11, 2021

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