

TOWN OF GROTON

173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450
Historic Districts Commission
October 20, 2020
7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Elaine Chamberlain, Laura Moore, Greg Premru

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 Dining Hall Parking lot

Attorney Collins was present, virtually, to represent the Groton School. Mr. Collins explained, as a follow up from the September meeting, he would return in front of the commissioner if the proposed gate changes to a double gate in place of a single. After the meeting it was brought to his attention this change is going to take place. Commissioners were provided with a detail of the gate. Attorney Collins believes this will be a better solution. The gate was designed to replicate the fence that it adjoins. The posts will be steel and colored to match the existing concrete posts. The posts will be behind the landscaping so it will not be in clear view on Farmers Row.

The enclosure for the generator and partially the dumpster was another point of discussion. Attorney Collins provided a photograph of the current enclosure for the generator and dumpster pad. He explained in 2014, he came before the commission to replace the fence. This fence is in front of the current generator and dumpster that is there. This enclosure was approved.

Questions/ Comments from Commissioners:

Ms. Beleno Carney: *Will they be planting more trees still for the landscaping?*

Mr. Collins: *Yes, the landscaping will be installed over the next month. This was shown in the plans from the September meeting.*

Ms. Giattino- *Ms. Giattino was fine with both the gate and fence.*

Mr. Benedict- *Mr. Benedict agreed with Maureen, he was fine with both the fence and gate.*

No questions or comments were made from the public.

Mr. Wheatley made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the double gate and generator enclosure. Ms. Giattino seconded the motion. All in Favor 4-0.

Sign Permit Application

274 Main Street- Love Karma Expert

Submitted by Janine Doucette LaValley

Applicant – Leila Laura Sullivan

Applicant Leila Laura Sullivan was present, virtually, for the sign permit application discussion. The 16inch by 14inch sign will be on the front of the private entrance door of the building and the 10” by 30”

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sign will be placed on the Rt. 119 road sign. The 10inch by 30inch sign's size will be consistent with the existing current sign by the road.

Ms. Giattino made a motion to approve the sign permit application for 274 Main Street, Groton, MA to accept the signs, as attached on the documents. Ms. Beleno Carney seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0.

Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2020.

Ms. Giattino made a motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2020 as written with the amendments made by Mr. Wheatley. Ms. Beleno Carney seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted: January 27, 2021