

TOWN OF GROTON

**173 Main Street  
Groton, MA 01450  
Historic Districts Commission  
June 15, 2021  
7:30 pm  
Second Floor Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Peter Benedict, Maureen Giattino, George Wheatley, Elena Beleno Carney and Greg Premru

**Others Present:** Lorayne Black, Christopher and Meghan Maloney- Perez, Liz Pawlak, Steve from Alpha graphics, Mary Jennings, Mark Kavanagh, Michael from PRO-STRUCTURES, Joni Parker-Roach, Linda Robertson, Joshua Degen and other interested parties.

**Admin Assistant:** Kara Cruikshank

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

**Vote to continue the Public Hearing for 111 Farmers Row-**

**Applicant-** David E Ross Associates

**Owner-** Prescott Development

**Mr. Benedict read the legal notice aloud.**

**GROTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**111 Farmers Row**

**ASSESSORS MAP 107-1**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 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 David E Ross Associates, seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for 111 Farmers Row, Assessors Map 107-1, owner, Prescott Development, **for the construction of a new single-family residential home, driveway, and supporting infrastructure, including new sewage disposal system and stormwater management areas.**

Property owner: Prescott Development, Shirley, MA 01464 Assessors Map 107-1. Copies of the application and supporting materials are available for review by contacting the GHDC via the Land Use Dept, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Town Hall.

**Mr. Benedict read an email that was sent from applicant, Dan Wolfe- David E. Ross Associates.**

On behalf of my client, Robert Prescott, we again have to ask for a continuance to our meeting with the HDC from this upcoming May meeting to your June Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Due to a death within the design team, we are forced to again postpone this process for 111 Farmers Row.

**Ms. Elena Beleno Carney made a motion to deny the continuance of the Public Hearing for 111 Farmers Row to the May 18, 2021 meeting. Ms. Maureen Giattino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

Administrative Assistant, Kara Cruikshank agreed to let the applicants know they will need to reapply when they are ready to pursue the project.

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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**208 Main Street**

### **ASSESSORS MAP 112-96-0**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 7:35 pm at Town Hall, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450**. This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by **PRO-STRUCTURES, LLC** seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **208 Main Street, Assessors Map 112-96-0, owner, Mark Kavanagh** to replace the existing failing roof with 30 Year, architectural shingles. **Property owner: Mark Kavanagh, Groton, MA 01450 Assessors Map 112-96-0**. Copies of the application and supporting materials are available for review by contacting the GHDC via the Land Use Dept, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Town Hall.

Homeowner, Mark Kavanagh and their contractor, Michael from PRO-STRUCTURES, LLC were both present for the Public Hearing. Mr. Kavanaga explained the roof has failed and will need to be replaced. They would like to replace it with 30 Year Architectural Shingles, in the color of black. Every effort will be made to maintain copper belts and valleys.

Comments from the Public: There were no questions

**Ms. Elena Beleno Carney made a motion to approve the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing failing roof with 30 Year Architectural Shingles. Assessors MAP 112-96. Mr. Greg Premru seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

### **Sign Permit Application- 113 Main Street- NOA Gallery-Permanent Sign and Temporary Wooden Posts**

Applicant: NOA Gallery, LLC- Joni Parker-Roach  
38” by 22”, Two- sided sign panel, painted on white 2” sign foam. There will be carved lettering. Applied shell caved on a square sign foam plaque. 4 by 4 temporary wood posts, painted grey. Iron brackets to be painted in the color of black.

Ms. Joni Parker- Roach was present for the meeting to present her sign permit application for NOA Gallery. Ms. Parker- Roach explained the application is for the approval of temporary wood posts and she will return for approval for the change in sculptured posts.

#### Commissioner Comments/ Questions

*Chair Benedict asked if there will be any lighting?*

*Ms. Parker-Roach said there will be lighting, but looking for suggestions. Mr. Benedict suggested looking around the district at the different lighting and coming back before the Commission for approval.*

**Ms. Maureen Giattino made a motion to approve the sign permit application with the following amendments; posts to be painted grey, brackets in the color of black, lighting to be determined. The posts are temporary for a year and NOA Gallery will return for approval for the sculptured posts. Mr. Premru seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously 5-0.**

### **Prescott School- Sign and landscaping Discussion-**

Executive Director: Liz Pawlak, President; Mary Jennings, Lorraine Black and Steve from Alpha graphics were all present for the discussion of the proposed signage and landscaping. They wanted to come before the Commission to receive guidance on the proposed signage, visitor center sign and landscape design.

Ms. Pawlak presented the proposed sign design for where the tenants in the building will be listed and asked for and feedback from the Commissioners. The sign would be 7feet wide by 6 feet high. The sign was described to be granite post to post, sign foam, double-sided with painted black hardware. "Prescott" and "Community Center" will be ¼" painted PVC. Tenants will be black cut removable vinyl  
Ms. Giattino suggested using the same font on the sign as the font on the Prescott building. Ms. Pawlak would take that into consideration and will present the sign with two different fonts to the Board.

The 8foot high by 6foot wide Visitor Center sign was proposed to be tucked away under a tree. The sign would be post to post with a tin roof. The frame will be painted wood. The post structure will be pressure treated wood with painted vinyl sleeves, 3 aluminum snap framed. The frames will be secured to ½ di-bonded substrate and the sign header and icons will be 1/4" PVC Painted letters.

Prescott would like to return to the July Meeting for a Public Hearing to seek approval for their signage and landscape design.

### **70 Hollis Street- Fence Discussion**

Homeowners Christopher and Meghan Maloney-Perez

Mr. and Mrs. Maloney- Perez attended the meeting to discuss a proposed fence they would like to install at their property, 70 Hollis Street. They provided photos of a fence they admire on Mayfield Drive and they would like to replicate.

Their Public Hearing will be held on July 20, 2021 to seek approval from the Historic District Commission.

### **243 Main Street-Fence and Granite Stairs Discussion**

Homeowner Linda Robertson and contractor, Josh Degen

Homeowner, Linda Robinson, was present for the discussion. Ms. Robinson replaced a fence in kind on part of her property that was previously there for 33 years. Ms. Robinson attended with photos of the fence. There was a new portion of the fence installed in the front of her home. She explained she received a letter from the HDC stating to come before the board to seek approval. Ms. Robinson has completed an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness but her hearing is not set until the upcoming meeting, July 20, 2021. She was apologetic, as she did not know approval was needed. Commissioners explained only the new fence install needed approval and will need to go through the process to receive a certificate of Appropriateness.

Joshua Degen, was present as Mrs. Robinson's contractor, not a Selectman. Mr. Degen removed the concrete front steps and replaced with granite steps. There were three steps prior now replaced with four.

Mrs. Robinson's mailbox post was replaced with a granite post.

Mrs. Robinson's submitted an application for the completed projects and a Public Hearing will be held at the next Historic District Commission meeting on July 20, 2021.

### **Commissioner Updates**

Chair Benedict said to the Commissioners that the Board is in need of two Commissioners and asked if they knew of anyone that may be interested.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 PM. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Administrative Assistant: Kara Cruikshank

Approved: 7/20/21