

TOWN OF GROTON

**173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450
Historic Districts Commission
July 20, 2021
7:30 pm
First Floor Meeting Room**

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

Others Present: Christopher Maloney- Perez, Liz Pawlak, Patrick Parker-Roach, Linda Robertson, Glenn Burlamachi and other interested parties.

Admin Assistant: Kara Cruikshank

Meeting Called to Order at 7:34 pm by Chair Peter Benedict

Mr. Benedict read the legal notice aloud.

PUBLIC HEARING

243 Main Street

ASSESSORS MAP 112-44-0

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:30 pm at The Groton Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450.** This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by **homeowner, Linda Robinson,** seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **243 Main Street, Assessors Map 112-44-0,** to add an additional 32' two rail heavy cedar fence. Also, to remove two sets of concrete stairs and replace with granite, to remove and construct a new walkway, remove wooden mailbox and add a granite post. 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.

Homeowner Linda Robinson was present for the meeting. Ms. Robinson presented photos of the work that was already completed at her property. Amongst them there were photos of where the fence was installed, the new granite stairs and new walkway.

There were no comments or questions from abutters.

Commissioner Comments/Questions:

Member Wheatley: Does the walkway slope? Will this be a problem in the winter?

Homeowner Robinson said it remains on the same slope to prior of the new walkway.

Ms. Beleno Carney made a motion to approve the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 243 Main Street. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously 4-0.

Ms. Robinson also presented photos of the temporary, custom plexiglass for her front porch. She explained this is only put up in the winter to save the railings from damage. Commissioners all agreed Ms. Robinson may use these in the winter if they remain temporary. If they shall remain up, she will need to come before the HDC for approval.

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Chair Benedict read the legal notice aloud.

PUBLIC HEARING

Badger Funeral Home

45 School Street

ASSESSORS MAP 112-81-0

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:40 pm at The Groton Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450.** This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by **Applicant, Glenn Burlamachi,** seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **45 School Street, Assessors Map 112-81-0,** to add a new brick wall, new pavers walkway and granite steps. **Property owner: Badger Funeral Home, 45 School Street, Groton, MA 01450 Assessors Map 112-81-0.** 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.

Applicant Glenn Burlamachi was present for the meeting and presented a new, concrete block wall, new pavers for a walkway and granite steps.

Mr. Burlamachi stated the wall in the front of the funeral home was from the 40's. The new/proposed wall would run in the same existing footprint and all dimensions would remain the same. New black, wrought iron railings would be installed, as well.

The pattern of the pavers would be a straight pilgrim pattern but staggered.

Commissioner Comments/Questions:

Mr. Benedict asked what the face of the granite steps will be?

Mr. Burlamachi said rough cut with a smooth surface.

Ms. Giattino thinks they would be happier with smaller blocks, something more traditional.

Abutters Comments/Questions:

There was an abutter present. The gentleman said he has no problem with the cement block and color. He believes anything would be an improvement.

The Commissioners discussed the material of the wall vs. the removal of the wall and slopping the lawn. Mr. Benedict asked Mr. Burlamachi if he could come back to the meeting next month to readdress the proposals and the following options with estimates:

1. Removing the wall
2. Partial wall
3. Real stone

Mr. Burlamachi would like to come before the HDC for approval for a new storm door. Administrative Assistant, Kara Cruikshank is going to find out if the storm door can be added to this application.

Ms. Beleno Carney made a motion to continue the hearing to the August 17, 21 meeting. Ms. Giattino seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously 4-0.

Mr. Benedict read the legal notice aloud.

PUBLIC HEARING

113 Main Street

ASSESSORS MAP 113-20-0

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:50 pm at The Groton Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450**. This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by **applicants, Joni and Patrick Parker-Roach** seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **113 Main Street, Assessors Map 113-20-0**, to install 7” by 10” granite pavers in the front of their home and NOA Gallery. Also, to add a “seat height” boulder. 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.

Applicant, Patrick Parker-Roach had attended the meeting. Mr. Parker- Roach presented a slab of the granite pavers. Eventually he would like to put a “seat height” boulder in the front of the property located to the right of the front door. The intentions of this boulder are to protect the home from the many accidents here. Also, it can be a seat for pedestrians. The walkway will be a single slab of concrete.

The May HDC meeting, Noa Gallery had their sign approved with a condition of coming back to present the chosen lights. Mr. Parker- Roach presented the chosen lights, they will be solar in the color of white. He stated there will be one on each side, enough to illuminate each side of the sign.

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Beleno Carney made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to 113 Main Street for new pavers, a boulder and lighting with the condition of printing a picture of the lighting for record. Ms. Giattino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Chair Benedict read the legal notice aloud.

PUBLIC HEARING

70 Hollis Street

ASSESSORS MAP 112-110-0

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 8:00 pm at The Groton Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450**. This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by **homeowner, Christopher Maloney-Perez**, seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **70 Hollis Street, Assessors Map 112-110-0**, 1. Install a split rail fence. 2. Paint the front/side door red and 3. To replace a storm door on the front porch. 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.

Homeowner, Christopher Maloney-Perez attended the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Maloney- Perez attended the May meeting and presented their ideal fence to the HDC. They have returned to seek approval for a split rail fence, to paint the front door and to replace a storm door on the front porch.

Mr. Maloney-Perez said he and his wife would like to paint the doors a red Benjamin Moore color or white. They would like install a Brosco screen storm door

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Beleno-Carney made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to 70 Hollis Street for a new fence, painting of the doors in red or white and to install a new Brosco screen door. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

Chair Benedict read the legal notice aloud.

**PUBLIC HEARING
145 Main Street
ASSESSORS MAP 113-43-0**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 8:10 pm at The Groton Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450.** This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by **applicant, Friends of Prescott**, seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **145 Main Street, Assessors Map 113-43-0**, to add new walkways connecting to the existing and landscape design. 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.

Liz Pawlak from Friends of Prescott was present for the Public Hearing presentation of the landscape improvements. Ms. Pawlak explained the work will all be completed in phases, but they want to make the area feel welcoming. The proposed plans were similar to the plans shown at the prior month's meeting.

There will be new brick walkways connecting to the sidewalk (this will match the existing brick), new plantings including twelve benches. Some of the new landscaping will include a new shade tree, three flowering trees, six large shrubs, fifty shrubs, twenty evergreen shrubs, groundcover and perennials.

Commissioner Comments/Questions:

Mr. Wheatley suggested to maintain the wood on the benches so they last.

Comments from the public:

Ms. Griffin said the advice given to care for the benches was ideal.

Ms. Giattino made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new walkway, landscape design per the plans attached. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously 4-0.

Chair Benedict read the legal notice aloud.

**PUBLIC HEARING
145 Main Street
ASSESSORS MAP 113-43-0**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Code of The Town of Groton, Chapter 196-8 Unique and Special Circumstances, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 8:20 pm at Town Hall, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA**

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01450. This meeting will be held to consider the Sign Permit Application submitted by **applicant, Friends of Prescott, 145 Main Street, Assessors Map 113-43-0.** The application includes two signs; Prescott Community Center and Groton Visitor Center. 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.

Groton Visitor Center Sign

The Visitor Center will hold an annual map within and will be weather tight.

Ms. Pawlak said the roof was the focus at the last meeting. They decided to go with a wood shingle roof. The roof will be about 2 feet in width.

Ms. Giattino and Mr. Benedict both agreed they like the appearance of a wooden roof, it looks historic.

Prescott Community Center

There were three options presented for the main signage. The Commissioners all agreed upon option number one. This sign will be 6' w x 7' h, have granite posts, PVC construction, sign foam, double sided, with painted black hardware. "Prescott" line and Community Center will be ¼" painted PVC. The eight tenant signs will be black cut removable vinyl.

Ms. Giattino made a motion to approve the Visitor Center and Prescott Community Center signage. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Ms. Beleno Carney excused herself from the meeting at 8:50PM.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Giattino made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2021. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 PM. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Administrative Assistant: Kara Cruikshank

Approved: August 17, 2021