Town of Groton

**173 Main Street**

**Groton, MA 01450**

**Historic Districts Commission**

**May 17, 2022**

**7:30 pm**

**Via Zoom**

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

**Others Present**: Dan Wolfe, Chris Woitowitcz, Dan McElroy

**Admin Assistant**: Kara Cruikshank

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm by Chair Peter Benedict and announced this zoom meeting is being recorded, member introduced themselves.**

**111 Farmers Row Public Hearing Continuation:**

Applicant: David E. Ross Associates

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Mr. Dan Wolfe from David E, Ross Associates was in attendance for the Public Hearing amongst the Architect. Mr. Wolfe said the architect has completed some new plans regarding the feedback from the meeting last month.

The architect said she decided to go with a mid -18th century Georgian Colonial. There is a hip roof and larger corner boards, as requested. Some changed that were made are, the removal of the portico and larger trim along the door. There are larger window sills, 6 over 6 grill-pattern. The dormers are shorter and wider. The freeze board above the second floor is now 8 inches with a dental like pattern.

*Member Feedback Questions/Comments*

*Chairman Benedict asked if the windows over the garage, could they be two separate windows. Could you supply the members with a detail sketch of the door. Do you know where the exterior lighting will be? Would like a detail of the dental molding. Are the front steps concrete or granite?*

The architect responded with the steps will be granite.

*Would like a cut sheet on windows and door, please. The windows should be SDL.*

*Member Giattino asked what the siding is? Vinyl?*

Member Dan Wolfe said the applicant gave a cut sheet for the members. It appeared to be a hardy board, clap board style.

*Change on the garage end window and maybe trim or a roof over the garage doors. A detail on the size of the dental molding and a detail around the front door and an upgraded garage-doors.*

*The architect believed the trim will be 12 inches around the door and above the door will be 18 inches.*

**Member Premru made a motion to continue the Public Hearing for 111 Farmers Row until June 21, 2022. Member Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 4-0.**

**20 Station Ave Public Hearing Continuation-**

Sign Permit Application: Dan McElroy

Administrator, Kara Cruikshank, explained the HDC received a letter from Town Manager, Mark Haddad relating to the Proposed signage for Station Ave and read it into the record. There was a request for the HDC to limit four signs to be approved affixed to a pole. The town will review and approve the four signs if the HDC members would like to approve a pole and the look of a sign.

The applicants came back with an additional photo that they liked. The signage was in the color of brown instead of green from the April meeting.

*After a long discussion, the members decided this proposed sign will just list attractions on Station Avenue, not the street name.*

**Member Premru made a motion to approve the sign permit application at the corner of Town hall, to list various businesses as shown without the street name. This may be up to four signs. Member Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0***.*

**71 Main Street Public Hearing Continuation- for the lattice**

Homeowner: Chris Woitowicz

Mr. Woitowicz was present for Public Hearing Continuation to present. Mr. Woitowicz think omitting the lattice would be most appropriate and trimming out all the structural supports.

All members and members of the public thought it looks like

**Member Maureen Giattino made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to add trim to the existing deck and supports per the drawing. There will be no lattice. Member Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**20 Hollis Street- Public Hearing Continuation-**

**Owner:** Christine Berard

**Member Wheatley made a motion to continue the Public Hearing for 20 Hollis Street until the June meeting. Member Giattino seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously 4-0.**

**Prescott Community Center Discussion-**

Mr. Bruce Easom was present to see if the members are ok with Friends of Prescott changing the name from Prescott School to Prescott Community Center.

Member Wheatley was ok with the change. Member Giattino has no objections as long as the font is the same on the new sign. Member Premru thinks its appropriate.

*No Public Comments.* This will get passed onto the Selectboard and they will return next meeting

**Minutes from 12/16/21, 1/18/22 and 2/15/22**

**Member Wheatly made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 12/16/21, 1/18/22 and 2/15/22 as drafted. Member Giattino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

**Member Giattino made a motion to adjourn. Member Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:36PM** Respectfully Submitted By: Kara Cruikshank