BOROUGH OF LITCHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2187 Litchfield, Connecticut 06759

The Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission held **Public Hearings** on **Thursday, January 20, 2022** at the Borough Office, 28 Russell Street, Litchfield, Connecticut. The hearings were called to order by Acting Chair Wendy Simoncelli at 7:00pm.

Present were Commissioners Glenn Hillman, David Bernard, Wendy Simoncelli and Alternate Commissioner Tony Cecchinato.

Also present were Megan Hope, Ernest Nepomuceno, Marty Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Martha Fish, Tina Kim-Dowden, Kathy Jennett, Francis Jennett, Chad and Sarah Melisky, Paul Hinkel, Sue Scibilia, Bryan Scibilia, and Melanie Gawlak.

Mr. Hillman read the legal advertisement of each hearing as published. Ms. Simoncelli explained the procedure for conduct of the hearings and described each application.

1. The public hearing, published January 14, 2022 in the Republican American, Application #2268, Jeffrey Russak, 7 West Street/8 Cobble Court, for new signs for tenant business, Little-ish, convened at 7:02pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Martha Fish and Tina Kim-Dowden and clarified sign placement on buildings, including use of refurbished original bracket.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:07pm.

2. The public hearing, published January 14, 2022 in the Republican American, Application #2269, Cobblestone LLC/James Lamond, 33 West St, for sign for tenant business, Petraroia, convened at 7:07pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Kathy and Francis Jennett.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:09pm.

3. The public hearing, published January 14, 2022 in the Republican American, Application #2270, Kevin and Kerri Lacilla, 114 North St, to replace asphalt shingle roof with standing seam metal roof, convened at 7:10pm. The Commission reviewed the application. This public hearing is held over to the next meeting on February 3, pending clarification as to whether the roof will be copper or metal standing seam.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was continued to the next meeting at 7:12pm.

4. The public hearing, published January 14, 2022 in the Republican American, Application #2271, Melisky Properties, 23 West St, to replace windows on the second floor in the front and the back of the building, convened at 7:13pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Chad and Sarah Melisky.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:15pm.

1. The public hearing, published January 14, 2022 in the Republican American, Application #2272, BCSI/Peter Aziz, 28 Russell Street, for installation of generator and propane tanks, convened at 7:15pm. The Commission reviewed the application. This public hearing is held over to the next meeting on February 3, pending receiving a letter of agency.

There were no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was continued to the next meeting at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted, Glenn Hillman, Clerk

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The **Regular Meeting** of the Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission was held at the Borough Office, 28 Russell Street, Litchfield, Connecticut on **January 20, 2022.**

I. Call To Order

Acting Chair Simoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:18pm.

II. Recording of Attendance

Present were Commissioners Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, David Bernard, and Alternate Commissioner Tony Cecchinato.

Also present were Megan Hope, Ernest Nepomuceno, Marty Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Martha Fish, Tina Kim-Dowden, Kathy Jennett, Francis Jennett, Chad and Sarah Melisky, Paul Hinkel, Sue Scibilia, Bryan Scibilia, and Melanie Gawlak.

III. <u>Business Pertaining To Certificates of Appropriateness</u>

- 2. Application #2268, Jeffrey Russak, 7 West Street/8 Cobble Court, for new signs for the tenant business, Little-ish. Mr. Hillman moved to approve the application as submitted and Mr. Bernard seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Simoncelli yea, Hillman yea, and Bernard yea. The Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from the approval.
- 3. Application #2269, Cobblestone LLC/James Lamond, 33 West St, for sign for the tenant business, Petraroia. Mr. Hillman moved to approve the application as submitted and Mr. Bernard seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Simoncelli yea, Hillman yea, and Bernard yea. The Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from the approval.
- 4. Application #2270, Kevin and Kerri Lacilla, 114 North St, to replace asphalt shingle roof with standing seam metal roof. This application is carried over to the next meeting.
- 5. Application #2271, Melisky Properties, 23 West St, to replace windows on the second floor in the front and the back of the building. Mr. Bernard moved to approve the application as submitted and Mr. Hillman seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Simoncelli yea, Hillman yea, and Bernard yea. The Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from the approval.

6. Application #2272, BCSI/Peter Aziz, 28 Russell Street, for installation of generator and propane tanks. This application is carried over to the next meeting.

Ms. Simoncelli moved to add to the agenda the continued discussion of Application #2267, Litchfield Courthouse LLC, 15 West Street, for conversion of the courthouse to a boutique hotel, as it was missed on the published agenda. Mr. Hillman seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Application #2267, Litchfield Courthouse LLC, 15 West Street, for conversion of the courthouse to a boutique hotel. The Commission invited the Courthouse group to review the materials that they prepared to address the Commission's questions about other examples of adding modern additions to historic buildings. Megan Hope, Ernest Nepomuceno, Marty Kenny, and Patrick Kenny provided three examples which were informative. The Commission continued their deliberations and discussed items including the updates to the proposed lighting and the driveway. Mr. Bernard moved to approve the application as submitted and Mr. Hillman seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Simoncelli – yea, Hillman - yea, and Bernard – yea. The Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from the approval.

IV. Other Business

- 1. Public Participation.
 - a. Application #2273, Merle Z. Gross-Ginsburg, 173 South St, for new windows. The Commission reviewed and discussed the application with Paul Hinkel. Mr. Hinkel will provide 3rd floor window specs at the next meeting.
 - b. Application #2274, Maximillian Mikunda, 424 South St, for new roof, siding, gutters, front and basement door, garage door, and exterior lights. The Commission reviewed and discussed the application with the applicant. The Commission suggested that vinyl siding should be a smooth surface.
 - c. Application #2275, Sue Scibilia, 195 East St, for new windows. The Commission reviewed and discussed the application with Ms. Scibilia, Bryan Scibilia, and Melanie Gawlak. The Commission noted that windows should be SDL or TDL. Applicant to provide pictures of the elevations visible from the public way and more detailed specs for the windows.

Mr. Cecchinato recused himself from the Commission for the presentation of the next application.

d. Application #2276, Tony and Beth Cecchinato, 159 West St, for 1 story room addition, add chimney for wood stove, and new exterior lights. The Commission reviewed and discussed the application with Mr. Cecchinato. Mr. Cecchinato will provide a floor plan at the next meeting.

Mr. Cecchinato was reinstated.

V. <u>Correspondence</u>

None

V. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the January 6 Minutes is held over to the next meeting.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm on a motion by Mr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Hillman, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted, Glenn Hillman, Clerk