

# **FINALIZED**

**BOROUGH OF LITCHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2187**  
**Litchfield, Connecticut 06759**

There were no public hearings scheduled by the Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission for **Thursday, November 17, 2022** at the Borough Office, 28 Russell Street, Litchfield, Connecticut.

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 **Thursday, November 17, 2022.**

### I. Call To Order

Acting Chair Simoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Motion to seat Mr. Ambrose-Sauer and Mr. Cecchinato as regular Commissioners for this meeting made by Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Motion unanimously carried.

### II. Recording of Attendance

Present were Commissioners Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, Norman Ambrose-Sauer, and Tony Cecchinato.

Also present were Cassie Simoncelli and Matt Waltz.

### III. Business Pertaining To Certificates of Appropriateness

#### IV. Other Business

##### Public Participation

##### A. Applications

1. Application #2361, Matthew Waltz and Kelsey Leach, 128 Woodruff St., to replace existing front steps and railings. The Commission reviewed the application with the applicant, Matt Waltz.
2. Application #2362, Sharon Sahl, 173 Meadow St., to replace windows. The Commission reviewed the application.
3. Application #2363, Joseph Perez, 83 Prospect St., to remove double doors and replace with window and add two skylights to the north side of the garage. The Commission reviewed the application.
4. Waiver was issued for Joseph Perez, 83 Prospect St., for adding a window and replacing a window on the south side of the garage, since it is not visible from the public way.

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B. Other business

## V. Correspondence

Ms. Simoncelli read into the minutes an email from Devin Burkhart to the Borough of Litchfield regarding his concern about newly replaced street light fixtures on West Street which he believes are not historic-looking and are too bright. See the email attached to the end of the minutes.

The Commission discussed the lights and states for the record that these replaced lights were not applied for and therefore not approved by the Commission. These lights are in noncompliance with HDC regulations. If these lights were related to the Litchfield Heritage plan, the Commission also states for the record that the Heritage plan was not approved by the HDC, as the Heritage Plan primarily does not relate to structures, which are within the HDC's purview. Any structure-related changes of the Heritage Plan must be applied for via an HDC application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The Commission suggested that HDC Chair Metcalf will contact First Selectman and Borough Warden Gayle Carr, to identify who replaced the light fixtures and under what authority. A call to Eversource may be required to understand their role in the change.

## VI. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 3, 2022 meeting held over until next meeting.

## VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm on a motion by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer, seconded by Mr. Hillman, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn Hillman, Clerk

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Email read into the minutes from Devin Burkhart:

**From:** Devin Burkhart <[boroughoflitchfield@gmail.com](mailto:boroughoflitchfield@gmail.com)>

**Date:** November 7, 2022 at 4:20:38 PM EST

**To:** [boroughoflitchfield@gmail.com](mailto:boroughoflitchfield@gmail.com)

**Subject:** New Street Lights on the Green

**Reply-To:** Devin Burkhart <[dburkhart826@gmail.com](mailto:dburkhart826@gmail.com)>

From: Devin Burkhart <[dburkhart826@gmail.com](mailto:dburkhart826@gmail.com)>

**Name:** Devin Burkhart

**Email:** [dburkhart826@gmail.com](mailto:dburkhart826@gmail.com)

**Subject:** New Street Lights on the Green

I was incredibly disappointed to see the new street light fixtures and bulbs that were placed on the Green last week. The new fixtures completely destroy the historic ambience and aesthetic of the town. There was absolutely nothing wrong with the previous lights. The new fixtures have no historic value and the bulbs are much too bright. In speaking with many of the business owners on the Green, they were taken aback by this change and wholeheartedly disapproved. Thanks!

Sent from: <https://www.boroughoflitchfield.org/contact/>