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BOROUGH OF LITCHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2187
Litchfield, Connecticut 06759

The Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission held **Public Hearings** on **Thursday, June 1, 2023** at the First Congregational Church, Pilgrim House, 21 Torrington Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. The hearings were called to order by Commissioner, Julia Metcalf, at 7:00pm.

Present were Commissioners Julia Metcalf, Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, and Tony Cecchinato.

Also present were Cassie Simoncelli, Steven Byrne, Greg Smolley, Connor MacNamara, David Langon, Jean Leahey, Roberta Witty, Bill Berg, and Ted Murphy.

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

1. The public hearing, published May 25, 2023 in the Republican American, Application #2395, The Old Village Inn LLC/Denise Raap and David Vigeant, 25 West St., for the installation of a large mural on the west/alley facade, convened at 7:00pm. Ms. Metcalf read into the record excerpts from a letter (attached) that was published in The Register Citizen from Denise Rapp, Greg Rapp, and David Vigeant, stating that they do not support the installation of the mural.

Given the lack of support of the property owners for the application, the public hearing was immediately adjourned at 7:07pm.

2. The public hearing, published May 25, 2023 in the Republican American, Application #2398, Forman School, 12 Norfolk Rd., for the construction of a new two story building, convened at 7:08pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Greg Smolley, Architect, and Connor MacNamara, Attorney. Mr. Hillman read into the record the Henderson House architecture features and history of building from the CT Historical Commission Architectural survey for Litchfield.

David Langon, from Morris, and parent of a Forman School student spoke in favor of the building as a valuable facility to enhance the school.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:22pm.

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3. The public hearing, published May 25, 2023 in the Republican American, Application #2407, Jean Leahey, 122 Woodruff St., for replacing the front door and storm door, convened at 7:23pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Jean Leahey. The Commission requested additional information, including the door material and whether the door window is SDL or TDL.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Frank McClintock- spoke in regard to the yellow ribbons and the mural.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hillman, Clerk

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The **Regular Meeting** of the Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission was held at the First Congregational Church, Pilgrim House, 21 Torrington Rd, Litchfield, Connecticut on **Thursday, June 1, 2023**.

I. Call To Order

Chair Metcalf called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

II. Recording of Attendance

Present were Commissioners Julia Metcalf, Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, Tony Cecchinato.

Also present were Cassie Simoncelli, Steven Byrne, Greg Smolley, Connor MacNamara, David Langon, Roberta Witty, Bill Berg, and Ted Murphy.

III. Business Pertaining To Certificates of Appropriateness

1. Application #2395, The Old Village Inn LLC/Denise Raap and David Vigeant, 25 West St., for the installation of a large mural on the west/alley facade. Motion to deny the application without prejudice made by Mr. Hillman, since the property owners have withdrawn support. Seconded by Ms. Simoncelli. Motion carried.

The roll call vote was: Simoncelli - yea, Hillman - yea, Cecchinato – yea.

The HDC Recording Clerk will notify via email the Litchfield Arts Council and the property owners of the denial of the application.

2. Application #2398, Forman School, 12 Norfolk Rd., for the construction of a new two story building. Motion made by Mr. Cecchinato to approve the application as submitted, seconded by Ms. Simoncelli. Discussion ensued regarding the style of the windows and the dormers as to their historic appropriateness. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to allow the applicant to provide potential redesigns for the windows and dormers at the next meeting on June 15, 2023 made by Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion to re-open the public hearing for Application #2398 at the next meeting on June 15, 2023 made by Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Application #2407, Jean Leahey, 122 Woodruff St., for replacing the front door and storm door. Application has been held over until the next meeting on June 15, 2023, pending additional information.

IV. Other Business Public Participation

A. Applications

1. Application # 2408, Roberta Witty, 43 East St, for the installation of outdoor heat pump. The Commission reviewed the application with Roberta Witty and Bill Berg, contractor.
2. Application #2409, Lorraine Murphy, 387 South Street, for demolition of 2 bay garage and construction of new 3 bay garage. The Commission reviewed the application with Ted Murphy.
3. Application #2410, Matt Waltz and Kelsey Leach, 128 Woodruff Lane, for a modification to Application #2161 to remove wooden steps and replace with granite steps. The Commission reviewed the application and assigned it a new application number.
4. Application #2411, Tom and Ashley Officer, 127 Sheldon Lane, installation of in-ground pool. The Commission reviewed the application.
5. Waiver, Terrel and Lindsey Sanders, 28 Torrington Rd., for repair of porch in kind.
6. Waiver, Realty Holding Co, LLC, 93 West St, for removal and rebuild of 2 brick chimneys, in kind.

8:27pm Ms. Simoncelli recused herself from the next application.

7. Application # 2412, Wendy and Jim Simoncelli, 182 East St, for installation of ice guard pipe and landscape outlet for dry basement system. The Commission reviewed the application.

8:30 Ms. Simoncelli reinstated into meeting.

B. Other business

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V. Correspondence

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes from May 4, 2023 with minor changes made by Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from May 18, 2023 with minor changes made by Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm on a motion by Mr. Cecchinato, seconded by Mr. Hillman and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hillman, Clerk