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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, January 4, 2023** at the First Congregational Church, Pilgrim House, 21 Torrington Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. The hearings were called to order by Chairman, Julia Metcalf, at 7:00pm.

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

Also present were Cassie Simoncelli, Sean Fogarty, John Cox, April Blasavage, Eileen Schmidt, Cleve Fuessenich, John Kinnear, Zack Miller-Murphy, Rich Miller-Murphy, and Matt Behlam.

Mr. Hillman, Clerk, 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 December 29, 2023 in the Republican American, Application #2249, Rabbi Joseph Eisenbach, 69 West St., to add a sign for the synagogue and remove the old sign, convened at 7:00pm. The Commission reviewed the application.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:02pm.

2. The public hearing, published December 29, 2023 in the Republican American, Application #2452, Borough of Litchfield, East Green, to repair and relocate the Beecher monument, convened at 7:02pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Sean Fogarty. The following individuals spoke in regards to this application:

John Cox, Litchfield County University Club Board member- in full support of renovating and moving the monument.

April Blasavage, Congregational Church member - in favor of repairing and moving the monument.

Eileen Schmidt, Congregational Church member and member of Litchfield Patriots Group - in favor of repairing and moving the monument.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:06pm.

3. The public hearing, published December 29, 2023 in the Republican American, Application #2453, Anthony Champalimaud, 115 North St., to add

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dormer to the roof of the carriage house, convened at 7:06pm. The Commission reviewed the application with John Kinnear, Architect.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:10pm.

4. The public hearing, published December 29, 2023 in the Republican American, Application #2454, Zack and Rich Miller-Murphy, 79 East St., to change front asphalt walkway to pea stone walkway, convened at 7:11pm. The Commission reviewed the application with the applicants.

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

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, January 4, 2024**.

I. Call To Order

Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

II. Recording of Attendance

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

Also present were Cassie Simoncelli, Sean Fogarty, John Cox, April Blasavage, Eileen Schmidt, Cleve Fuessenich, John Kinnear, Zack Miller-Murphy, Rich Miller-Murphy, and Matt Behlam.

III. Business Pertaining To Certificates of Appropriateness

1. Application #2449, Rabbi Joseph Eisenbach, 69 West St., to add a sign for the synagogue and remove the old sign. Motion to approve the application as submitted made by Mr. Hillman and seconded by Ms. Simoncelli. All in favor. Motion carried.

The roll call vote was: Metcalf – yea, Simoncelli – yea, Hillman – yea, Cecchinato – yea, Ambrose-Sauer - yea. The Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from approval.

2. Application #2452, Borough of Litchfield, East Green, to repair and relocate the Beecher monument. Motion made to approve the application as submitted made by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer and seconded by Mr. Hillman. All in favor. Motion carried.

The roll call vote was: Metcalf – yea, Simoncelli – yea, Hillman – yea, Cecchinato – yea, Ambrose-Sauer - yea. The Certificate of

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3. Application #2453, Anthony Champalimaud, 115 North St., to add dormer to the roof of the carriage house. Mr. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the application as submitted and seconded by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer. All in favor. Motion carried.

The roll call vote was: Metcalf – yea, Simoncelli – yea, Hillman – yea, Cecchinato – yea, Ambrose-Sauer - yea. The Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from approval.

4. Application #2454, Zack and Rich Miller-Murphy, 79 East St., to change front asphalt walkway to pea stone walkway. Ms. Simoncelli made a motion to approve the application as submitted and seconded by Mr. Cecchinato. All in favor. Motion carried.

The roll call vote was: Metcalf – yea, Simoncelli – yea, Hillman – yea, Cecchinato – yea, Ambrose-Sauer - yea. The Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from approval.

IV. Other Business Public Participation

A. Applications

1. Application #2455, Zack and Rich Miller-Murphy, 79 East St., to replace kitchen windows and the patio door. The Commission reviewed the application with Zack Miller-Murphy, Rich Miller-Murphy and Matt Behlam, contractor.
2. Application #2456, Zack and Rich Miller-Murphy, 79 East St., for the removal of second chimney on back of house. The Commission reviewed the application with Zack and Rich Miller-Murphy, and Matt Behlam, contractor.
3. Application #2457, Lisa Roberts Cowell, 73 North St., for the replacement and relocation of the existing driveway to the north side of the property, add a 3 car parking area, install a generator, replacement of air conditioning units, and shifting semi-circular front driveway. The Commission reviewed the application with Cleve Fuessenich on behalf of the owner.
4. Application #2458, 96 Sheldon Lane, for the replacement of windows. The Commission reviewed the application.

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B. Other business

V. Correspondence

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes from December 21, 2023 with several changes made by Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Motion carried unanimously with one abstention – Norman Ambrose-Sauer, since he was not present at that meeting.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm on a motion by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer, seconded by Mr. Cecchinato, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hillman, Clerk