BOROUGH OF LITCHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2187 Litchfield, Connecticut 06759

The Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission held **Public Hearings** on **Thursday, March 7, 2024** at the First Congregational Church, Pilgrim House, 21 Torrington Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. The hearings were called to order by Vice-Chairman, Wendy Simoncelli, at 7:00pm.

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

Also present were Cassie Simoncelli, Brett Seamens, Drew Harlow, Ellen Oneglia, Adam Sobek, Paul Rosenberg, and Rich Morin.

1. The public hearing published February 23, 2024 in the Republican American, Application # 2461, Brian and Irina McNamara, 173 South St., to install new chimney caps on brick piers, 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 February 23, 2024 in the Republican American, Application #2462, Town of Litchfield, 74 West St., to install five (5) electric vehicle charging stations: (3) at the municipal parking lot, (1) at the Town Hall, and (1) at 28 Russell St, convened at 7:03pm. The Commission reviewed the application Brett Seamens, Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Litchfield. Application changed to 4 charging stations as the Russell St station has been put on hold to a later date due to plot plan not available at this time.

Public input:

Richard Morin- opposed to installation of the electric vehicle stations for several reasons: reduces parking spaces that are needed, risk of vandalism, and risks associated with fire in the center of town.

Paul Rosenberg- questioned why the Town is in the business of charging cars. But no opposition to the actual chargers themselves.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:23pm.

3. The public hearing published, February 23, 2024 in the Republican American, Application #2463, Borough of Litchfield, Island at Norfolk Rd,

to replace the stone urn, convened at 7:23pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Ellen Oneglia and Drew Harlow.

Public Input:

Paul Rosenberg- noted the urn has a "fine silhouette".

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:30pm.

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, March 7, 2024.**

I. Call To Order

Vice-Chairman Simoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

II. Recording of Attendance

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

Also present were Cassie Simoncelli, Brett Seamens, Ellen Oneglia, Drew Harlow, Paul Rosenberg, and Adam Sobek.

III. Business Pertaining To Certificates of Appropriateness

1. Application #2461, Brian and Irina McNamara, 173 South St., to install new chimney caps on brick piers. Motion made by Mr. Hillman to approve the application as submitted and seconded by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Hillman – yea, Cecchinato – yea, Ambrose-Sauer – yea, Simoncelli – yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from approval.

2. Application #2462, Town of Litchfield, 74 West, to install 5 electric vehicle charging stations: (3) at the municipal parking lot, (1) at the Town Hall, and (1) at 28 Russell St. Motion made by Mr. Hillman to approve the application as amended with the subtraction of the 28 Russell Street location. Seconded by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer with note of appreciation to those who voiced their opinion during the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Hillman – yea, Cecchinato – yea, Ambrose-Sauer – yea, Simoncelli – yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and is valid for one year from approval.

3. Application #2463, Borough of Litchfield, Island at Norfolk Rd, to replace the stone urn. Motion made by Mr. Cecchinato to approve the application as submitted and seconded by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Hillman – yea, Cecchinato – yea, Ambrose-Sauer – yea, Simoncelli – yea.

A 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 #2464, 151 Meadow Street, Adam and Amy Sobek, for replacement of roof on house and garage. The Commission reviewed the application with the property owner Adam Sobek.
- 2. Application #2465, 73 Gallows Lane, Sarah Loring, for replacement of roof and to rebuild chimney above the roof line. The Commission reviewed the application.
- B. Other business

V. Correspondence

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes from February 1, 2024 with minor changes made Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Motion carried with 1 abstention - Mr. Ambrose-Sauer as he was not in attendance for February 1, 2024 meeting.

Motion made to approve the Minutes from February 15, 2024 with minor changes made by Ms. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Hillman. Approved by Ms. Simoncelli and Mr. Hillman, with 2 abstentions, Ambrose-Sauer and Cecchinato, as they were not in attendance for February 15, 2024 meeting.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm on a motion by Mr. Ambrose-Sauer, seconded by Mr. Cecchinato, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted, Glenn Hillman, Clerk