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*Draft until approved at the next meeting*

August 26, 2019

Chairman John Baroody called the regular meeting to order at 6 PM with the following members in attendance by roll call: Betsy Hall, Steve Szalewicz, Alt. Theo Coulombe and Alt Edwin Yowell. Both Alternates were seated for the meeting. Also present: John Considine, Kyle Considine, Matt Weaver and Stanton Yuwono. The legal notice was read into the record.

The continuation of the hearing for 119 Amenia Union Road was opened at 6:01 with John Considine presenting additional photographs of Barn #3, as requested. He described T-111 doors, dirt floor with broken concrete and no foundation, and the poor location of the barn in relationship to the two larger barns. By invitation, Chairman Baroody visited the barn noting there are elements of historic features including 4 hand-hewn posts and one carrying beam – however, less than 20% of any original feature still exists today. Other members noted that in comparison to the remaining series of barns, it is unremarkable and in a poor location. Motions of Yowell/Coulombe closed this portion of the hearing at 6:09 with all in favor.

The hearing for 103 South Main Street opened at 6:10: Matt Weaver, new owner, presented the application for a renovation of the existing house to include removal of vinyl siding to cedar siding with pine trim, cedar shake roofing, dormers, rear porch, benches similar to “Sharon Stoops” on the front porch, a new chimney made from Portland brick, and also introducing Greek revival-style features including a Greek revival-style obelisk at the front porch roof. Gutters were not part of his proposal, but it was noted that Wetland Commission might require gutter installation. All windows are to be replaced with Marvin simulated divided light 6 over 6. All site plan and details are part of the application submitted. Members questioned the obelisk including comments that this type of architectural detail is not found in residential structures and not anywhere in Sharon; the Chairman then positing concern for the detail’s incongruity with the town and neighborhood, as noted in Handbook for Historic District Commissions & Historic Property Commissions in Connecticut as well as the State enabling statute mandate referring to deliberations. Additionally, the regulations were referred to noting specifically....”In determining the appropriateness of exterior architectural features, the commission will consider in addition to any other pertinent factors: Historical and architectural value, architectural style, scale and general design” and “Relationship thereof to the exterior architectural style and pertinent features of other building and structures in the immediate neighborhood.” Members of the Commission praised the remaining proposed renovation. Motions to close the hearing came from Szalewicz/Coulombe at 6:25 with all in favor.

The regular meeting started at 6:25 with the adoption of the Agenda as posted and the approval of the previous minutes as submitted. There was no correspondence.

**Old Business:** Draft 2 of the Procedure for Administrative Review was reviewed and with changes proposed, it will be warned for a hearing to take place at the September 23 meeting.

**New Business:** 119 Amenia Union Road: Motions of Szalewicz/Coulombe approved the removal of Barn 3 as submitted. All were in favor. 103 South Main Street: A motion to approve, as submitted, was made by Coulombe and seconded by Szalewicz for purposes of discussion. Members re-stated opposition for the approval of the proposed obelisk noting specifically regulations and statutes discussed during the hearing. The motion was withdrawn and Motions of Szalewicz/Yowell approved the application as presented with the elimination of the proposed obelisk. All were in favor.

**New Applications:** 22 Upper Main Street: Application for placement of 3 air conditioning compressors. With additional information including a site placement plan, the application was accepted and the hearing scheduled for the September 23, 2019 meeting.

**Traffic Mirrors:** A letter has been received regarding the placement of a traffic safety mirror at 20 West Woods Road #1. The Selectman and the Road Foreman have control over the safety on Town Roads – and it was agreed that the SHD has no jurisdiction over such placement. In fact, one does exist already in the District. No action required.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 via motions of Hall/Coulombe with all in favor. The next meeting is Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6 PM.

Respectfully,

  
Jamie Casey- Land Use Administrator

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