

BROOKFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

BROOKFIELD CONNECTICUT 06804

Minutes of the Historic District Commission Thursday, June 7, 2012 Brookfield Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Jacqueline Salame, Chairperson,

Members Present: Kevin Archer, Peter Bertolami, Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson, Liz De Lambert, Rosemary Erb-Fawcett, Harold Proudfoot, Elaine Rajcula

Members Absent:

Public Attendance: Leonard Iacobello and Louis Collazzi of 155 Whisconier Road
Betsey McIlvaine, Brookfield Library
No one present for Town of Brookfield

Open Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. on application below:

Application 2012-03: Leonard Iacobello & Louis Collazzi, 155 Whisconier Road, for the installation of replacement fencing on the property along Route 25, to the north & west.

The fence is L-shaped across the front and extending along the north side of the property. Height of the fence will be 4 ft high with a 3 ft wide gate at the front path and two 3 ft gates on the north side property for easy access. The fence will be painted white. The original fence was a low picket fence and not in keeping with the scale to the house and has long been removed. The style of the new fence is cedar, gothic style with acorn finials to match those on the existing fence.

The HDC did not have any issue with the location and height of the fence nor the size and location of the gates.

Closed the public hearing for Application 2012-03 at 7:24 p.m.

R. Brown moved to approve Application 2012-03 with the following conditions:

1. 4 foot gothic-style fence as presented
2. finials match existing finials
3. 3 foot pathway gate in front
4. pair of 3 foot gates on the side

P. Bertolami seconded; all approved.

Open Public Hearing 7:24 p.m. on application below:

Application 2012-02: Town of Brookfield, Brookfield Library, 182 Whisconier Road, for the installation of new signage.

The Library proposal was as follows: posts are wood with PVC vinyl sleeve. The sign is also PVC vinyl. Four inch changeable letters for the message board section. The total height of the sign will be 8 feet.

The Commission members recommended the following:

- Recommend a wooden sign. The Commission is not in favor of having the sign and posts made from PVC vinyl.
- The Library name at the top of the sign should be larger than the message portion of the sign.
- Azek (or comparable material) board was suggested for the top of the sign rather than PVC vinyl.
- Six-inch space between the top of the sign and the changeable message part of the sign.
- Recommend a total sign height of 6 feet.
- Add different post caps.

To determine the best size and the location of the sign, the Commission members will make a mock-up of the sign and take it to the site on Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. to determine the correct scale of the sign. B. McIlvaine will investigate the state right of way to help determine the sign location.

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to leave the public hearing open and delay the vote until the next meeting. K. Archer seconded; all approved.

Open Public Hearing at 8:13 p.m. on application below:

Application 2012-01: Town of Brookfield, 183 Whisconier Road, for a demolition permit on said residence. (No one was present representing the Town of Brookfield. The address submitted on the Certificate of Appropriateness was incorrect. 186 Whisconier Road is the correct address.)

The Cottage to the north of the Library was called the "Milk House" and was part of the Curtis School for Boys. The Town purchased the building in 2000 for \$170,000. A tenant lived there until 2008. The Town has not maintained the building since it was purchased.

The HDC committee feels that as part of the Connecticut Local Government (CLG) program, the Town of Brookfield has an obligation to preserve the historic building.

Closed the Public Hearing for Application 2012-01 at 8:29 p.m.

R. Brown moved to deny the Application 2012-01 for demolition of the building. L. De Lambert seconded; all approved.

Business Meeting:

- R. Brown moved to approve the minutes from May 3, 2012 as presented. K. Archer seconded; all approved.
- Residents Meeting 2013 – not discussed at this meeting

- 2013 Celebration Plans – not discussed at this meeting
- Another letter to Lawrence Hulburt will be sent in an effort to try and have him respond to the violations at 188 Whisconier Road.
- General letter to Historic District residents that certain properties' garbage cans are clearly visible from the right of way. Garbage cans need to be out of sight from the road.

The budget remaining as of June 1, 2012 is \$15.20 excluding Cemetery Maintenance leaves approximately \$1,500 in the HDC budget.

P. Bertolami moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m.; R. Erb-Fawcett seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brown, Secretary