

**Minutes of the Historic District Commission
Thursday, December 5, 2013
Brookfield Town Hall**

- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson
- Members Present:* Peter Bertolami; Liz De Lambert; Rosemary Erb-Fawcett; Harold Proudfoot
- Members Absent:* Jacqueline Salame, Chairperson; Kevin Archer; Laura Mancuso
- Public Attendance:* Kathryn & James Legere, 12 Long Meadow Hill Road

Public Hearing for opened at 7:05 p.m.

Application 2013-09: Kathryn & James Legere, 12 Long Meadow Hill Road for the replacement of two side by side overhead garage doors.

The new garage doors will be powder coated steel, double insulated, vertical board style with lights across top and hardware to simulate carriage house style doors. The installation will be done by Douglas Garage Doors of East Hartford, CT. The estimated completion date is December 31, 2013. The Commission members felt that the style of the doors had been tastefully chosen.

The public hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

Application 2013-09 for replacement of the garage doors at 12 Long Meadow Hill Road was unanimously approved by the Commission.

The second issue with 12 Long Meadow Hill Road home is to replace all the wooden breezeway doors (front and rear) with nearly identical style doors. While this replacement is more maintenance than a specific change, the applicants both agreed to abide by the conditions set forth by the Commission. The new doors will be made of fiberglass with lights and panels that are identical to the ones being replaced. The style choice is eight divided lights with a single raised panel at the bottom. The exterior will be vinyl clad, the interior painted wood. The glass panels will either be true divided lights or simulated divided lights and in either case, the mullions must be three dimensional – not a flat grid. If the windows are to be insulated, double glass, then a divider must be used that is grey in color. The Legere’s indicated they understood fully what the Commission had specified.

The work will be done by Cross River Construction of Cross River, New York. The estimated completion date is January 31, 2014.

Business Meeting opened at 7:25 p.m.:

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to accept the November minutes as presented. L. de Lambert seconded; all approved.

Old Business:

The Commission briefly discussed the replacement of two front-facing exterior doors at 10 Long Meadow Hill Road. The doors that the homeowners purchased to replace the older doors are not of appropriate design and need to be replaced. Additionally, the Commission is not completely settled on the design of the new garage doors. The two exterior house doors and the two garage doors were replaced without the owner obtaining an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The Cottage located on Route 25 near the Library and Theater Arts buildings, was sold for \$75,000 to a contractor in Danbury.

New Business:

J. Salame and R. Brown attended a meeting in Milford presented by the Connecticut Trust on behalf of Connecticut historic districts. Greg Farmer with the Connecticut Circuit Rider program directed the meeting. J. Salame and R. Brown asked Greg Farmer if he would come and speak to the Brookfield Land Use Boards to raise the consciousness regarding the value of historic properties in Brookfield.

P. Bertolami moved to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m.. H. Proudfoot seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brown, Secretary