

MIDDLE HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Eaton Smith Meeting Room, East Hampton Town Hall

Minutes - Draft

1. **Call to Order-** Chairman Royster called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call/Seating of Alternates-**
Roll Call was taken. Present were Commissioners James Royster, Charles Roberts, David Kneeland, Richard Walsh, Gina Ritchie, and alternates Coleen Mellen and Damian Battit.
3. **Public Remarks** – Items not on Agenda – None.
4. **Public Hearing**
 - a. Application # 465, filed by Martin & Elizabeth Moss, regarding 30 Knowles Rd., to construct a sunroom and deck.

Rebecca Tistona-Moss was present to address with the Commission the plans of an addition and renovation plans located at 30 Knowles Road. After reviewing what Ms. Tistona-Moss has presented the Commission felt they need much more information before they would be able to act. There also seemed to be many items that were going to be renovated that were not listed on the plans presented. The Commission again asked the applicant to have the application include all changes, renovations, and/ or additions, on the plans that are being proposed, in addition having the plans be to scale and what the scale is so the application is not incomplete.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commission Royster to table Application #465 until the next regular scheduled meeting; seconded by Commissioner Walsh. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Approval of Minutes and Motions**
 - a. **January 26, 2012 Minutes and Motions**

The Minutes and Motions were approved by Commissioner Kneeland as presented; seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Feb. 22, 2012 letter from Attorney D'Aquila.**
Commissioner Royster provided the other Commissioners with a copy of a letter received by email attachment, a letter from Attorney D'Aquila to John Weichsel, regarding a portion of Ms. Fabers letter dated December 15th and November 10th. (See Attached)
 - b. **Other**

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7. Reports

- a. Expenditures – None**
- b. Other-**

8. New Business-

a. Blacksmith Hill Keystone Bridge -

There was discussion of the recent repairs that have taken place by the town at the Blacksmith Hill Keystone Bridge. There was a discussion of the erosions and further repairs that are needed at this site. Commissioner Royster stated he would give Mr. Hayden a call and see what can be done to further protect the bridge. There was question as to if this site was listed on the National Historic Register.

Coleen Mellen spoke as a concerned citizen and a nearby property owner, she has been told that this Keystone Bridge is on the National Historical Registry and as a local Historical Commission you probably do have the authority and responsibility to try and preserve that structure. In regards to restoring the bridge it is her hope that they never reopen it to traffic as it was built hundreds of years ago and was never meant for motor vehicles.

Commissioner Royster asked Ms. Mellen to follow up for confirmation that this property is listed on the National Historical Registry.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Other -** Commissioner Roberts commented on his letter from last month that was carried over to this meeting. Commissioner Royster suggested the members of the commission read the letter from Attorney D'Aquila and if you would like to proceed with the responding letter at that time it can be discussed again.

10. Public Remarks- None

11. Adjournment-

There being no further business before this Commission, **Commissioner Royster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamey Peterson

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