**Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

**Regular Meeting**

Thursday, October 27, 2016

6:30 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes

1. Call to order – Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates – Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Charles Roberts, Demian Battit, Patrick Walsh, Regina Starolis, Christopher Dart and Alternates Kara Pedersen and Hanna Monahan. Because there were 5 Regular members present, Chairman Roberts did not seat the Alternates but thanked them for their attendance and invited them to stay for the meeting.
3. Public Remarks – Items not on Agenda – None.
4. Public Hearing
5. Application #507 COA at 66 Middle Haddam Road to do a variety of work for the installation of two condensing units outside of the Church for applicant Christ Episcopal Church of Middle Haddam.

Bruce Dubay presented to the board. He explained that the condensing units and furnace were installed today. The unit to the right of the building is behind shrubbery and the other unit is behind the church. Both units are not visible from Long Hill Rd or Rte. 151. There will be a portion of wire that will visible but will be hidden with a product that will blend into the church. He stated that they are contemplating repainting the church in 2-3 years.

Commissioner Dart made a motion to approve Application #507 at 66 Middle Haddam Road for the installation of two condensing units outside of the Church for Christ Episcopal Church. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Battit. **Vote: 5-Yes; 0-No Motion passed.**

1. Application #508 COA at 60 Middle Haddam Road to add fencing around the perimeter of the yard for applicant Christ Episcopal Church of Middle Haddam.

Susie Karl presented to the board. She stated that her renters are concerned about the safety of their children. She is proposing a 3’ prefab wood fence around the perimeter of the yard (left side of the home to the back of the house).

Commissioner Dart made a motion to accept Application #508 for a COA at 60 Middle Haddam Road to add fencing around the perimeter of the yard for Christ Episcopal Church. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starolis. **Vote: 5-Yes; 0-No Motion passed.**

1. Approval of minutes & motions
2. September 22, 2016 – Commissioner Walsh made a motion to accept the September 22, 2016 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Battit. Vote: 4-Yes; 0-No Motion passed.
3. Correspondence
4. Other – Chairman Roberts received a letter from The Town Manager regarding the appointment of Melissa Briere as a new Alternate member of MHHDC.
5. Reports
6. Expenditures – Chairman Roberts stated that the only expenditure was the $60 fee for the Rivereast Legal ad.
7. Other – None.
8. New Business – Commissioner Battit asked who is responsible for maintaining the “Welcome to Middle Haddam” sign on Keighley Pond Rd. Vice-Chairman Battit volunteered to maintain it. Commissioner Battit inquired about the unfinished garage across from the post office. Chairman Roberts said he reached out to the Town Manager, Jeremy DeCarli (Planning & Zoning Official) and the town Attorney about that issue as well as the issue of ownership of Fern Lane but has not heard back from any of them. Chairman Roberts informed the members that his term will expire in December and that he would like to continue as a member but that his position as Chair will be available at the next election of officers. Chairman Roberts reminded the members that the next meeting will be on November 19th because of Thanksgiving and the members discussed possibly having a holiday party.
9. Unfinished Business – Chairman Roberts stated that he spoke with the owner of 39 Middle Haddam Rd. regarding the temporary shed on his property. The owner informed Mr. Roberts that the shed has been there since 2009 and at that time he asked the MHHDC if he needed a COA and was told that he did not because the shed does not have a foundation. Chairman Roberts made an attempt to contact previous members of MHHDC to see if anyone recollects having a conversation in 2009 about a temporary shed at that property. Chairman Roberts stated that he would follow-up on this and discuss it at the next meeting.

In regards to Cobalt Lodge, Chairman Roberts stated that there are no other applications from them.

1. Other – None.
2. Public Remarks – None.
3. Adjournment – Commissioner Battit made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. The motion seconded by Commissioner Walsh and was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Castonguay

Recording Secretary