

Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green  
Minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearing – Board of Education Meeting Room, Parsons  
Government Center (unapproved)  
February 13, 2013

Vice Chair Paulson called the regular meeting of the Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green to order at 6:42 p.m.

Present

Gary Becker  
Elizabeth Kennard  
Arthur Paulson  
Walter Ortoleva  
Christopher Thomas

Absent:

Marcia Winter  
Excused:  
Carol Molloy Smith  
Arthur Stowe

Mr. Paulson reordered the agenda in order to allow ample time for the applicant to arrive. He welcomed Mr. Thomas to the Commission and the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of January 2013 Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Ms. Kennard to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report including Correspondence

Chair Smith was not present but she had relayed a message to Mr. Paulson regarding member's opinion regarding proposed demolition (North Street). There was no relevant discussion regarding the matter.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Mr. Ortoleva reported the balance as of 2/13/13 was \$1,560.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business:

a. Communication with neighbors – Mr. Paulson read the letter the commission distributed in May 2012 to residents/property owners in the District. He asked members for any suggestions or revisions.

The following suggestions were presented:

1. Include "Re: *subject matter*"
2. Important matter content in the letter be bulleted or made bold

It was also noted there should be some language revision to the existing application such as:

1. Application only refers to "building" and it was suggested structure/fence be added.

Mr. Paulson and Mr. Becker will review the letter make recommended revisions and present the draft letter to the members at the next regular meeting.

The meeting recessed at 6:59 p.m. for purpose of Public Hearing: Application for Certificate of Appropriateness.

The public hearing regarding Application for Certificate of Appropriateness from Bud Franke, 27 Green Street for wood picket fence and gate commenced at 7 p.m.

Mr. Franke and Ms. Tremo were present to discuss their plans for a backyard fence.

Mr. Franke was not aware he had to bring certificate of mailing to adjacent property owners to the meeting and it was agreed that Mr. Franke could provide list attesting to whom the letters were mailed to and his request would be considered at this time contingent on receiving that list.

Mr. Franke explained his backyard has a 2 car detached garage which is not being used. At this time, he was looking to fence in the back yard noting there is an existing fence that runs from the rear of the house almost to the property line. He explained the reason the fence was not finished by the former property owner was the obvious brush/shrubs that had since been removed. The project would involve the remaining sections (panels) to be constructed (approximately 21 ½ ft long). He explained he had started building the fence before he knew about the process that must be followed. Continuing, Mr. Frank stated he would also like to include a center gate which, like the fence, is pressure treated wood and it would be painted/stained white. He added aesthetically it would match the neighbor's fence which abuts the yard (A. Paulson neighbor). The fence has a low point of 3 feet and a high point of 4 feet. The completed fence requires two 9 foot sections of fence and one 3 ½ foot wide fence.

Motion made by Ms. Kennard and seconded by Mr. Ortoleva to close the public hearing and resume the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Becker and Mr. Ortoleva to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Bud Franke, 27 Green Street for a wooden 21 ½ foot backyard fence.

Ms. Kennard complimented the efforts of Mr. Franke to follow the process once he found out what was needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Recorded by Diane Candido