

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)
April 10, 2013

Chair Smith called the regular meeting of the Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Present

Excused:

Gary Becker
Elizabeth Kennard
Carol Molloy Smith
Arthur Paulson
Arthur Stowe
Christopher Thomas

Walter Ortoleva

In the absence of Mr. Ortoleva, Chair Smith appointed Mr. Thomas as a voting member for this public hearing and meeting.

Public Hearing: Application for Certificate of Appropriateness
Tom and Marie Reshenk, 32 Center Street
Fence replacement, patio addition and resurface of driveway

Chair Smith called the public hearing to order at 6:31 p.m.

Mr. Reshenk provided the appropriate copies of mailing to Chair Smith.

Mr. Reshenk explained that there is an existing chain link fence along the back of his property at this time and in an effort to make the yard more attractive the plan is to match the same fence as the one that belongs to his neighbor and runs on the side of his property. The proposed fence will be 50 feet in length and 6 feet high and will connect to the neighbor's fence.

With regard to the patio addition, Mr. Reshenk stated the plan is to use bluestone in keeping with the age of the house.

He also noted a possible resurfacing of the driveway is also included in his plan.

There were no further comments or questions from the commission members and the hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

Chair Smith convened the regular meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Paulson and Mr. Becker moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness from Tom and Marie Reshenk, 32 Center Street for fence replacement, patio addition and resurface of driveway. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of February 2013 Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Paulson and seconded by Ms. Kennard to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report including Correspondence – defer to later on the agenda.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report – not available.

Chair Smith stated the Commission is scheduled to go before the aldermen regarding our proposed 2014 budget on April 24 and Mr. Ortoleva will be attending that meeting.

Unfinished Business

A. Members reviewed the draft of the letter to be sent to neighbors and property owners in the District and discussed revisions proposed.

Motion made by Mr. Paulson and Mr. Becker to approve the revised letter to property owners and residents within the Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kennard stated she will begin initiating dialogue with the Tree Commission.

New Business:

A. Review of current website instructions for filing an application for COA – Members reviewed the existing Application for Appropriateness – Process and made revisions to the document.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Paulson to approve the revised procedures and authorizing the chair to make final revisions prior to its posting on the city website. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Smith stated she had received a call regarding the structure (red barn) which sits near the Historic Society property on High Street. She noted the barn belongs to Mr. Charles Duncan and the recent hurricane caused damage to the barn and added proposed demolition of this barn would need to come before this commission.

After being contacted about the damage to the structure, Chair Smith pursued further info regarding barn restoration and has contacted several barn reconstruction contractors. She has also learned there could be Hurricane Sandy funding available for structural repairs to the barn.

Mr. Paulson stated he would like further information regarding the historic background of the barn and Chair Smith stated she will continue pursuing this matter and hopefully will receive recommendations and cost estimates. She added \$3,000 had been offered by the owner's insurance company.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Recorded by Diane Candido