South of the Green Milford Historic District No. 2

Minutes of Special Meeting and Public Hearing – Via Zoom – December 29, 2021

Present: Andy Belden, Christopher Bishop, Liz Kennard, Marc Muller (C. Bishop assumed voting privileges for this meeting)

Applicants: Marc Muller

Chrmn. Bishop convened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and declared a quorum present. The regular meeting stood in recess at 6:33 p.m. and the public hearing was called to order at that time.

**Certificate of Appropriateness Application by Marc and Kimberly Muller, at 4 Reed Street, Milford CT for the installation of new fences.**

Mr. Muller (applicant) explained the intent was to install new fence and also additional fencing. He explained the plan to put black aluminum fence around the entire perimeter of the house in order to isolate his dog. He showed pictures of his home which is on the corner of Reed and Lafayette Street at which time there is a black aluminum fence which they hope to continue to the back corner of the property, behind the house and will cordon off the patio and deck by the garage. He explained the existing Monarch fence has 3 inch posts and the new portion of the fence will have 2 inch posts which he stated will not look like much of a difference to the naked eye. He added it will be the same design with a tear drop top on the posts and the same color. Further he noted there will be one piece on the side of the house towards 10 Reed Street and the other will run off the back and will line up with the gate near the driveway. It was also noted that both sections will have an access gate similar to the current gates.

Mr. Muller explained they had considered putting the fence behind the trees in the yard but that would be the location where the gas lines and water access is and it could cause issues if services to those utilities were necessary in the future.

As well, the application includes adding some privacy fence by the garage noting that the existing fence there is a lattice material and it has run through its life span. He explained the plan is to replace that fence with a 6 ft. white vinyl (Aberdeen) fence with a lattice top. Each section of fence is 16 ft. Mr. Muller stated the lattice top will still allow ability to see through in to the yard but provide privacy.

Ms. Kennard asked how many sections of this new fencing is planned and she was told an estimated four sections.

Mr. Muller added this fence is similar to the railings on the deck.

Further, Mr. Muller explained there will be no change to the driveway or the gates to the driveway and this fence will provide the opportunity to keep the garbage cans out of sight from the street.

Mr. Belden felt the vinyl fence design will work well.

Mr. Muller added they were happy to keep with the black aluminum fencing which has become a popular choice for homeowners.

Being no further questions/comments regarding this COA the public hearing closed and the special meeting reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

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Chrmn. Bishop offered Mr. Muller the choice of recusing himself or abstaining from the vote on the application and Mr. Muller stated he would recuse himself from discussion or voting.

Ms. Kennard explained that she and Chrmn. Bishop visited the property recently and understood the need for the fence and appreciated the fact the homeowners are trying to keep the fence as unobtrusive as possible.

Chrmn. Bishop explained the reason he and Ms. Kennard could not make a decision without bringing it to the Commission was the difference in the fences could not be deemed like for like changes.

Mr. Belden stated he is happy with the matching to the existing fence and he felt the lattice top will be a fine addition and will work well.

Ms. Kennard and Chrmn. Bishop made and seconded a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application by Marc and Kimberly Muller, at 4 Reed Street, Milford CT for the further addition of the black aluminum fencing and replacement of the existing wood lattice fencing with white vinyl fencing.

Motion carried with Mr. Muller abstaining from voting on this matter.

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Belden and seconded by Ms. Kennard to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido