

Harwinton Historic District & Historic Properties Commission  
Minutes for Hybrid Meeting – July 20, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

**Present In-Person:** Chairman Carole Romano, Power Boothe, Greg Marshall. Also: John and Nicole Goncalves

**Present on Zoom:** Peter Brazaitis, Bree Gurin, Joann Hohensee

Quorum established; meeting was opened at 7:08 pm by Chairman Romano.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for the May meeting were accepted as submitted. No meeting was held in June.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pre-Hearing for Nicole Goncalves, 2 South Road, for restoration of fence. John and Nicole Goncalves purchased the entire complex which consists of two houses, a large barn which is zoned light industrial as well as two Quonset huts. Photos and drawings of the property were included with the application and emailed to Commission members for review prior to the meeting.

The commercial buildings are behind the main house and are not in the historic district, just the main house and the small cottage are in the district. The owners have applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the black metal fence (wrought iron) that was permanently removed when the previous owner filled in the in-ground swimming pool. The Goncalves have young children and dogs and want to put the fence back to enclose the yard for their safety and security. The yard will be completely fenced in as it was before. The replacement fence will be the same as it was previously and will match the railings on the front stoop of the house. The fence will run north to south along the property's front western border facing South Road to Community Hall, and then run west to east alongside the Community Hall. The wrought iron fence will be approximately 4 feet high.

Also included in the project is a small section of privacy fencing which will be placed alongside the busy driveway leading to the commercial / industrial buildings in back. This small section of fence, approximately 6 feet high, will be wood and painted white to blend in with the garage. This side of the property is not visible from South Road.

After discussion with the homeowners, a motion was made and voted on unanimously to accept the application and forgo the public hearing and process to obtain a COA. This project replaces an existing fence that was already on the property with the same style and materials, and, therefore, is considered routine maintenance. A COA will be mailed to the homeowners and placed on file at the Town Hall.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Tabled until the August meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Members discussed the Harwinton History website, created by the late Roger Plaskett. It has been taken down and is no longer functional but the Harwinton Historical Society, the T.A. Hungerford Museum, the Historic District Commission, and Town Hall are working to retrieve the information. Bonnie Andrews from the Historical Society gave Carole a compact disc that belongs to the Commission and contains photographs of all the houses in the two districts that were originally photographed by Roger for the Commission's handbook. A motion was made to have Greg Marshall speak with Mike Criss about setting up a page for the Commission on the Town website and Greg will report what transpires during that conversation at the next meeting. All in favor.
2. Carole went over the printout for Budget Year 2021-22. The Commission was granted \$1,000. It was noted that all district signs are back up, and that both Carole and Greg have a spare sign in storage. Bree will contact Horton Brasses regarding hardware for hanging the signs and report at our next meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the hybrid meeting was closed at 7:48 pm. The next tentative hybrid meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Secretary  
Harwinton Historic District and Historic Properties Commission

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