

Harwinton Historic District
& Historic Properties Commission
Minutes for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Present: Peter Brazaitis IV, Joann Hohensee, Carole Romano

Absent: Power Booth, Bree Gurin, Greg Marshall

Also present: Mrs Elizabeth Sawyer, 37 Harmony Hill Road; Mrs. Cora Bell, 24 Harmony Hill Road; Mrs. Cantu, 36 Harmony Hill Road; and Joanne Cyr & Todd Collin, 85 Harmony Hill Road.

Quorum established. Meeting was opened at 7:05 PM by Chairman Carole Romano. Business portion of the meeting will take place following the public hearing.

Public Hearing for Peter & Cathleen Neag, 36 Harmony Hill Road, for a flag pole. The legal ad, which appeared in the Monday, April 11, 2016 edition of the Republican American, was read. Four registered letters had been mailed to neighbors. Mr. Neag explained the project will be for a white, 25 foot flag pole with a finial on top. It will be located in the front yard. A solar light fixture will be placed below the finial to illuminate the flag at night. The fixture will be of a type called “Amnin Solar Powered Flagpole Light.” No wattage specification was available on the product's package or website. Mr. Neag said an alternative considered but not chosen was to have put a solar light on a nearby light pole and shine that on the flag. Neighbors attending the hearing were in favor of the project as presented. Mrs Anita Nedley, 40 Harmony Hill Road, was unable to attend the hearing but submitted a letter to the Commission. Although in favor of the flag pole itself, she objected to the nighttime illumination of the flag. The letter was read and Mrs. Nedley's concerns were taken under advisement. At 7:20 PM the meeting was closed and members went into executive session. Hearing was reopened at 7:30 PM. **A motion was made to approve the application and grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the flag pole as presented, with a solar light ring on top that shoots down to illuminate the flag only, not a light fixture, such as a spot light, used for illuminating beyond the flag. All future light replacements shall be in kind.** Motion seconded by J. Hohensee, All in favor. Certificate will be mailed. Mr. Neag addressed the Commission and thanked them, stating that as owner of his property he has the right to make changes or additions without interference from other parties. Hearing closed at 7:40 PM.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Other Business. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The Commission meeting scheduled to be held at that time is canceled. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7: 55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Secretary
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