Historic District & Historic Properties Commission

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Present: Peter Brazaitis IV, Bree Gurin, Joann Hohensee, Greg Marshall, Carole Romano,

Alternate Power Booth (7:10 pm).

Also present: Mr. Greg Martinotti, applicant; Mr. Kenneth Wilhelm, solar contractor

Quorum established.

Meeting opened at 7:01 pm

1. Public Hearing for Greg Martinotti, 71 Harmony Hill Road, application #85, for installation of roof mounted photovoltaic solar array consisting of 39 Jinko 265 watt panels. The legal notice, which was printed in the Saturday, September 10, 2016 edition of the Republican American, was read. Five notification letters were sent to neighbors within 200 feet of the applicant. No verbal or written communications were received. Mr. Martinotti presented additional photos of the house recently taken as seen from the road. Mrs. Gurin asked if the three panels on the garage that would be visible from the road could be rearranged so they could not be seen. Mr Wilhelm explained that to rearrange those three panels and place them elsewhere would take away from the efficiency of the system. Hardware would be covered by a "skirt" or microrail. Tree foliage will cover the view of the panels 6-7 months of the year but the panels would be visible during the winter months. With no further questions or discussion, a motion was made to accept the application as submitted.

Vote is as follows: Peter Brazaitis IV, yes; Joann Hohensee, yes; Greg Marshall, yes; Carole Romano, yes; Bree Gurin, no.

- 2. Solar Discussion. Mrs. Gurin reported both the Town website and harwintonhistory.com (the website of Town Historian Roger Plaskett) now include solar shingles as an option along with the conventional solar panels. Mrs. Gurin stated that it is important that the applicant submit photos of the home taken in both summer and winter, with foliage and without. Our application does not specify when it requests photos. A motion was made by Greg Marshall and seconded by Peter Brazaitis that the Commission will take photos of the district homes with no foliage present. All in favor.
- 3. Other Business. Cemetery walk will be held Friday, October 14. An invoice submitted by Bree Gurin for a time/date stamp was approved for \$34.19 and will be submitted to the bookkeeper.

If there is no business before the Commission at the October meeting, a review of the bylaws will be done. The State Historic District Commission handbook is available online at the State of Connecticut website.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Respectfully submitted,

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Joann Hohensee, Secretary