

Town of Berlin
Historic District Commission
Town Hall · Berlin CT 06037
November 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

The Berlin Historic District Commission held its regular meeting by remote conference call on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the following matters:

Lorraine Stub, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

Lorraine Stub, Chairman, John Diakun, Bill Cink, Vice Chairman Herbert Watson, Donald Forcash

Members Absent

Alternate members: Pam Pethigal, Amy Prescher, Andra Lou Millerd

Staff Liaison

Maureen Giusti, Town Planner

Audience of Citizens

None

Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness

I. HDC 2023-09 request of Alan M. and Lynn R. McGinnes to repair an existing front porch with bluestone at 1122 Worthington Ridge.

Alan McGinnes explained the existing concrete slab front entryway slopes to the house causing water issues. He proposed installing bluestone on the surface to pitch water away from the house, a stone facade and front steps. The commission noted the proposed stone face was too contemporary for the Historic District and advised the applicant to use an alternative material. The commission recommended a white fascia board around the edge, the owner agreed.

Commissioner Diakun moved to closed the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Forcash, passed unanimously.

Deliberation of Certificate of Appropriateness Requests:

Commissioner Diakun moved to approve the COA for property 1122 Worthington Ridge with the condition of the use of a PVC or composite trim board on the face. Seconded by Commissioner Watson, passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Diakun made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Chairman Watson, passed unanimously.

Other Business and Commissioner Comments

- a) Maureen Giusti alerted the Commission to a like for like roof repair at 1233 Worthington Ridge.

- b) The commission discussed the safety issues with the deteriorating stairs in front of the Forcash property at 992 Worthington Ridge between the sidewalk and road. The stairs were originally brick; concrete has since been poured over the original brick. He noted the Highway Department indicated they would be removing the adjacent stump and the stairs may be removed. The commission inquired whether the repair of the stairs is the responsibility of the town or the homeowner. Mr. Forcash will work with Ms. Giusti and DPW to determine purview over any repair or demolition.

Adjournment

Commissioner Diakun moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm, seconded by Commissioner Forcash, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaitlyn Bard,
Recording Secretary

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