

**ENFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021 - 7:00 PM
ENFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ENFIELD TOWN HALL
820 ENFIELD STREET, ENFIELD, CT 06082

Call to order

Chairman Tatoian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Clerk Smyth called the roll. Present for the meeting were:

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Absent: Commissioner Colleen Ann Reidy

Also Present from the Town of Enfield Georgienna Driver, Assistant Town Planner, Nicole Maruca, Zoning Enforcement Technician, Georgina Nelson Tereso, Deputy Director of Economic & Community Development and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Fire Evacuation Announcement

Chairman Tatoian read the fire evacuation announcement.

Approval of Minutes: June 23, 2021

Commissioner Fallon motioned to approve the minutes of June 23, 2021. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

VOTE 6-0-0

Old Business

None

Reading of Legal Notice

1. Public Hearing(s)
 - a. **HDC# 476** – 1171 Enfield St - Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a fence; Vivian Alpert Owner/Applicant; Map 020 / Lot 0131; HR-33 Zone.

Chairman Tatoian noticed a typo that the house was built in 1839 instead of 1939. This is the second time the this came forth. Our vice chairman will conduct the hearing.

Chairman Tatoian recused himself as president of the cemetery association.

Ms. Maruca requested the Chairman and Secretary step out of the chambers since they are not voting or commenting on the hearing.

Vivian Alpert and Frank Sanavino 1173 Enfield Street spoke on behalf of the application. Ms. Alpert stated she is taking the recommendation and doing a black chain link fence.

Vice Chairman Gwozdz validated the chain link and slots in the picture. He validated the fence will be 10 feet on each side. The question the Commission has is how close it is to Enfield street. He requested the applicants to bring that 10-foot barrier to the house. He suggested going back from Enfield street closer to the house. The Commission was hoping the applicant would use shrubbery instead of fencing.

The applicant agreed to put the fence at the house and put shrubbery in the front in place of the fence.

Ms. Driver stated it would require a condition. The shrubbery could be an additional condition.

Ms. Maruca noted the chain link fence in the front yard was denied in the last meeting.

Commissioner Gwozdz stated the commission would prefer shrubs in place of the fencing.

Commissioner Troiano questioned if the applicant would consider eliminating the slots or webbing.

Mr. Sanavino stated he was hoping he didn't have to put those on because they are expensive.

Commissioner Gwozdz stated they are approving the black chain link fence at the house and shrubbery in the front. That way it is appropriate for the district and addresses their safety concerns.

Vice Chairman Opened the hearing to the public. There was no public participation.

The Vice Chairman closed the hearing.

Commissioner Troiano (Alt) motioned to approve a. HDC# 476 – 1171 Enfield St - Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a fence; Vivian Alpert Owner/Applicant; Map 020 / Lot 0131; HR-33 Zone with the general standard conditions and the fence starts parallel to the house, there will not be any webbing and it will be black chain link fence. Commissioner Fallon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The application was approved.

Vote: 4-0-0

- b. **HDC# 477** – 1295 Enfield St – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the roof; Enfield Congregational Church Owner; Kevin Moy Applicant; Map 046 / Lot 0015; HR-33 Zone.

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

Greg Gray, Pastor Enfield congregation – Pastor for over a year. Paul, general contractor Todd Connery chair of the board of stewards.

Chairman Tatoian noticed that the assessor's records stated the church was built in 1900 and that is not correct. Pastor Gray stated it is 1849.

The contractor stated they are replacing the roof and putting new plywood on they are replacing the flashing around the steeple. They will re-shingle charcoal black. Keep the same thing.

Chairman Tatoian confirmed the roof will be replaced for the fellowship hall and the church.

Pastor Gray stated the sanctuary is a three tab the and the fellowship is an architectural – they are going to make the roofs the same.

Chairman Tatoian opened the hearing to the public. There was no public participation.

Mr. Gwozdz stated it is in kind, low impact and doing both buildings the same it is an improvement

Chairman Tatoian appointed Commissioner Troiano (Alt) as a voting member.

Commissioner Smyth motioned to approve HDC# 477 – 1295 Enfield St – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the roof; Enfield Congregational Church Owner; Kevin Moy Applicant; Map 046 / Lot 0015; HR-33 Zone with the general standard conditions. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion. All were in favor. The application was approved.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- c. **HDC# 478** – 1264 Enfield St – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace signage; Town of Enfield Owner; Walter Kruzel Applicant; Map 019 / Lot 0068; HR-33 Zone.

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

Walter Kruzel spoke on behalf of the application. Scott Ryder a couple of weeks ago one of the storms knocked down the current sign at the high school and bring it down historically how it was. If that is approved, they will come back with a design so it can be seen from the road. Many of the signs are perpendicular to the road.

Scott Ryder stated with respect to the HDC 478 where there's a photo of the street view the issue is that it is easy to drive by this beautiful building we have.

Chairman Tatoian confirmed that they are only asking for sign placement approval and not the sign.

Commissioner Gwozdz questioned if there was lighting on the sign.

Mr. Kruzel stated there was one light, now they will need two.

Chairman Tatoian opened the hearing to the public. There was no public participation. Chairman Tatoian closed the hearing.

Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to approve **HDC# 478** – 1264 Enfield St – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace signage; Town of Enfield Owner; Walter Kruzel Applicant; Map 019 / Lot 0068; HR-33 Zone with the general standard conditions. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 5-0-0

Correspondence

None

Workshop – HDC Handbook

a. Public Presentation to be given

Nelson Tereso – Head of community development. Providing an overview of the Enfield Historic District handbook. Mr. Tereso reviewed the grant process with the public and updating the HDC ordinances. The handbook is to help provide guidance and how to treat historic properties in town. It covers all treatment types for roofs, landscaping, fencing, etc. We are looking to take comments from the public and hopefully vote on approving the handbook at the next meeting.

David Taylor thanked the Commission for choosing him to work on this project. As an outsider he noted what a fabulous gem Enfield has and commends the Town for the good care they have taken over the years. The standards were first written in the 1970's. Your responsibility is to deal only with exterior changes. That is what handbook document deals with. Mr. Taylor reviewed each of the sections at high level with the Commission and the public. Mr. Taylor validated that the Commission would need to approve both demolition and new construction in the historic district. There is nothing the Commission can do regarding stop signs and stoplights, but they do have oversight over fencing. The commission asked to put together a then and now comparison of historic photos vs current present day. In the handbook is a bibliography with references on how to handle various issues and examples of meetings. This won't change what property owners are required to do but give more guidance to property owners and help the Commission make as informed decisions as they possibly can. It has been reviewed by the State Historic office.

Chairman Tatoian noted he certainly appreciate all of Mr. Taylor and Mr. Tereso's work on this endeavor.

Chairman Tatoian opened the review to the public.

John Santanella 1204 Enfield Street questioned if the guidelines include changes to the boundary the 250 on the east side incorporates homes behind it that are currently outside the historic district. He didn't see anything in the draft of the handbook.

Mr. Taylor stated we discussed that, but we did not change any of the boundaries.

Mr. Santanella questioned if the amount of time applicants can complete projects has been addressed. Currently it is five years, and, in some cases, projects shouldn't take that long.

Mr. Tereso stated that we are going to change it from five years to two years.

Mr. Santanella stated he appreciates all the work that the Commission does thanks them for going through this process.

Linda Gary 1250 Enfield Street – Ms. Gary stated regarding Projects and the certificate of appropriateness what if there are budget constrains what type of flexibility the commission has regarding costs.

Chairman Tatoian stated we try to work with people to do what they want to do. Each is on a case by case approach. If there is a limitation the commission can approve for some of the work to be done and later do the rest.

Linda Gary validated that the commission does not recommend brands.

Chairman Tatoian stated they only recommend styles. He could not ever remember suggesting a brand.

Commissioner Gwozdz thanked Mr. Taylor on the work on the handbook and thinks he did a wonderful job.

Mr. Tereso stated next steps will look at the scope of work for time frames. After we get this finalized, Mr. Taylor is going to provide hard copies to the town. Subject to approval from the state. The Commission will approve it at the next meeting in September.

Enforcement

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Fallon motioned to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0

Note: Next Historic District Commission meeting will be held on September 22, 2021 at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

By Richard Tatoian, Chairman

Questions on agenda may be directed to the Planning Office (860) 253-6355.

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