

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
ENFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 - 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall Council Chambers; 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT.

Call to Order

Chairman Tatoian called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

Roll Call

Present for the meeting were Chairman Tatoian, Vice Chairman Raymond Gwozdz, Clerk Smyth, Commissioner Marie Troiano, Commissioner Colleen Reidy, Commissioner Linda Fallon (alt) , Commissioner Lillian Troiano (alt) and Commissioner Lynda Laureano (alt).

Also present Georgienna Driver, Assistant Town Planner and Alexis Nai Recording secretary

Fire Evacuation Announcement

Chairman Troiano read the fire evacuation announcement.

Approval of Minutes

- a. May 24, 2023- Regular Meeting

Commissioner Smyth motioned to approve the minutes of May 24, 2023. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

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Old Business

None

Public Participation

No public participation.

Reading of Legal Notice

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

Public Hearing(s)

- b. **HDC# 489 — 1162 Enfield St - Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal and replacement of gutters and soffit moldings; Abdelaziz Youssef, Applicant/Owner; Map 20/L0t 143; HR-33 Zone**

Mr. Youssef spoke on behalf of the application. He noted that there is debris is falling onto the ground. The moldings are falling off of the house. They tried to repair it. They are looking to replace it with PVC to look similar to the wood.

Chairman Tatoian noted the original gutters are wooden gutters. Mr. Youssef stated they don't want to replace it – they are repairing it. He is going to try to repair because aluminum will not look right. To try to keep the image of the house.

Chairman Tatoian is noting that the application is asking to replace the gutters, he is asking to replace the decorative molding and down spout with PVC.

Mr. Youssef stated he wants to replace the gutter downspout, the connection and one of the moldings. The downspout is copper, he sees the trouble coming from the connection.

Commissioner Gwozdz confirmed the downspout is copper

Mr. Youssef confirmed the downspout is still in good shape.

Commissioner Gwozdz questioned if the appearance will be the same even if he has to change the material.

Commissioner Troiano asked if there is peeling paint or it's rotting.

Mr. Youssef noted that there is peeling paint.

Commissioner Lillian Troiano questioned if work has started on the property.

Mr. Youssef noted the work hasn't started, but there is a truck parked there.

Ms. Driver stated he hired the contractor before he obtained the permits.

Mr. Youssef stated he's had a few neighbor complaints.

Ms. Driver stated they assured the neighbors that the bucket loader will be removed and is within town regulations for construction.

Commissioner Lillian Troiano noted she doesn't understand the application. He is asking for everything to be changed to plastic during the hearing and not replace in kind.

Commissioner Gwozdz stated the moldings and soffits are wood. If the wood ones are still good the applicant should not change it.

Ms. Driver stated if they are good and there is no rot, they will leave them. The ones that fell down, they are going to replace with PVC. There may be three or four around the house – it remains a public safety issue. You cannot get the same material. It will be half replacement half repair. There is probably one soffit every half foot.

Commissioner Troiano asked the applicant if he has looked into replacing everything with wood.

Mr. Youssef stated he will look into it.

Chairman Tatoian opened the hearing to the public.

There was no public participation.

Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion. All were in favor. The hearing was closed to the public.

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Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to approve HDC# 489 — 1162 Enfield St -Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal and replacement of gutters and soffit moldings; Abdelaziz Youssef, Applicant/Owner; Map 20/L0t 143; HR-33 Zone. Commissioner Riedy seconded the motion with the condition that anything that can remain in place will be left as is and anything that needs to be replaced must be replaced in kind with wood.

**Clerk Smyth called the roll. All were in favor of the motion. The application was approved.
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- c. HDC# 490 — 1216 Enfield St — Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of a chimney cap; James and Dianne Tatoian, Applicant/Owner; HR-33 Zone**

Chairman Tatoian recused himself from the hearing and appointed Commissioner Gwozdz as acting Chairman. Acting Chairman Gwozdz appointed Commissioner Fallon as a voting member for the hearing.

James and Dianne Tatoian spoke on behalf of the application. They have two chimneys that are not working. One chimney is crumbling. Because of the high expense of restoring it, they are requesting to remove it. It was connected to a fireplace but it has been blocked off and non-functional for years.

Commissioner Gwozdz questioned if the shingles be replaced in kind.

Mrs. Tatoian stated the contractor will cover it with ice and water shielding and will cover it with slate.

Commissioner Gwozdz noted the house was built in 1780 and questioned if the chimney a later addition.

Ms. Driver stated it looks like it was part of the historic build.

Commissioner Gwozdz stated usually buildings of that era have a central roof.

Commissioner Troiano noted it looks like it's on the back of the house, you are not really going to see the repair.

Mrs. Tatoian stated it's behind the peak of the house. Our slate roofer is so good, you will not notice it at all.

Commissioner Gwozdz opened the hearing to the public.

There was no public participation.

Commissioner Smyth motioned to close HDC#490 to the public. Commissioner Fallon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The hearing was closed to the public.

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Commissioner Reidy motioned to approve HDC# 490 — 1216 Enfield St — Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of a chimney cap; James and Dianne Tatoian, Applicant/Owner; HR-33 Zone. Commissioner Fallon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The application was approved.

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Other Business

a. Certificate of Appropriateness Application Review

Ms. Driver noted she has been doing research on sample certificates with various historic districts. Our current application is chaotic, and it is difficult to review applications. The last time they were revised was several years ago. She gave an example the commission can approve tonight. She reviewed the application with the commission.

Mr. Tatoian noted that the new application is very good.

Commissioner Troiano noted Middle Haddam charges for applications.

Ms. Driver stated Enfield doesn't need to charge and haven't had an issue with staffing.

Chairman Tatoian stated he doesn't see a need a charge fees.

Ms. Driver explained the building permit process along with application process to the commission. If an applicant goes outside the bounds of a certificate of appropriateness, they will get a notice of violation and need to come back to the commission to discuss. They would talk about to rectify and pull a permit. They would need to apply for a COA.

Commissioner Reidy made a motion to accept the revised application as the new form for the Certificate of Appropriateness Application. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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b. Election of officers.

Commissioner Gwozdz made a motion to add the election of officers to the agenda.

Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Commissioner Reidy made a motion to keep the officer positions the same. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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c. Correspondence – None to report

- d. *Report of Planning Staff* – **Ms.** Driver noted there was an application for an in kind repair 1221 Enfield Street, 1489 King street had in kind repair on their roof.
- e. *Enforcement Report(s)* – 1162 Enfield Street. Planning will keep an eye on bucket loader and ensure it is removed once construction is completed.
- f. *Adjournment* – Commissioner Smyth motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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Note: Next Historic District Commission Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7PM.**

By: Richard Tatoian, Chairman

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