



**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR
MEETING
January 22, 2025
7:00 PM - Town Hall Scitico Room
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Clerk Smyth called the roll.

Present for the meeting were Chairperson Richard Tatoian, Vice Chairperson Raymond Gwozdz, Clerk Nancy Smyth, Commissioner Lillian Troiano (Alt), Commissioner Linda Fallon (Alt)

Also Present from the Town of Enfield:
Stephen Hiney, Assistant Town Planner
Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Absent: Commissioner Lynda Laureano; Commissioner Marie Troiano

Chairperson Tatoian appointed Commissioner Lillian Troiano and Commissioner Linda Fallon as voting members.

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairperson Tatoian read the fire evacuation announcement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 23, 2024 – Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to approve the minutes of October 23, 2024. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Vote: 6-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- B. **HDC# 497 - 1204 Enfield Street** – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of front porch, columns, and deck; John Santanella, Applicant/Owner; Map 20/Lot 136; HR-33 Zone

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

Commissioner Troiano motioned to open HDC#497. Commissioner Fallon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 6-0-0

John Santanella, owner/applicant, spoke on behalf of the application. One of the key features of the property is the wrap around porch. The columns on the porch are made of wood. Over time they have been repaired by bondo and materials to try to maintain the columns. One of the columns is dry rotted so bad the roof is collapsing the columns. Another column is also deteriorating on the other side of the porch.

The columns are structural and need to be replaced. He is looking to replace in composite material so they will last. If he has them custom made it is extremely expensive. There are nine columns on the house. He has a few examples and is looking for direction from the Commission on what would be a suitable replacement.

Chairperson Tatoian questioned if all the columns are original.

Mr. Santanella noted there was a fire back in the 80's and some may have been rebuilt. The porch was added on after the original house per picture's he has seen.

Chairperson Tatoian confirmed he is looking to replace the nine columns in composite.

Mr. Santanella noted the dry rot may not end at the columns and may need to replace the porch decking. The application shows the composite material he used on his back porch.

Commissioner Gwozdz asked if the column in the application is what he is looking to use.

Mr. Santanella stated he is looking to get as close to that as he can and confirmed if the manufacturer is out of stock and must select something different, he would need to submit a new application. He noted the round columns are staying and were previously preserved.

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

Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to close HDC #497. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion. All were in favor. The application was closed.

Vote: **6-0-0**

Commissioner Fallon motioned to approve the application as presented and the decking allowed to be replaced by the composite material as presented. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gwozdz noted the columns need to be replaced; it looks almost in kind. The decking looks very similar to what is currently there and will be a close to in-kind replacement.

All were in favor. The application was approved.

Vote: **6-0-0**

C. HDC# 498 - 1256 Enfield Street - Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of roof-mounted solar panels; Skyline Solar, LLC, Applicant; Jeffrey/Mary/Alexis Schreiber, Owners; Map 19/Lot 70; HR-33 Zone

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

Commissioner Fallon made a motion to open HDC# 498, Commissioner Troiano second motion.

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Jeffery Schreiber owner/applicant. Believes it is very important not to affect the look of the house. The solar company stated they can install the panels on the detached garage. The wires would be installed under ground to the basement. If you look at the house, you wouldn't see any solar panels.

Chairperson Tatoian questioned if the garage is visible from the street.

It is slightly visible when you pass the neighbor's house.

Commissioner Gwozdz questioned how far back from Enfield Street is the garage?

Mr. Hiney stated it is about 150 feet from the road. He noted that he was on google maps earlier and you must go out of your way to see the garage. There are trees that further block the view.

Commissioner Troiano questioned why there are so many small solar panels on the example versus larger ones.

Mr. Schreiber wasn't sure; it was the way the company designed it for how much power was needed.

Chairperson Tatoian opened the hearing to the public.

Commissioner Gwozdz motioned to close HDC# 498; Commissioner Fallon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The hearing was closed.

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Gwozdz motioned to approve HDC# 498 - 1256 Enfield Street - Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of roof-mounted solar panels; Skyline Solar, LLC, Applicant; Jeffrey/Mary/Alexis Schreiber, Owners; Map 19/Lot 70; HR-33 Zone, Fallon seconded.

All were in favor of the application. The application was approved.

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Commissioner Gwozdz noted the applicant really did their research on the guidelines, it's not visible from the street and there is no significant impact to the district.

D. **HDC# 499- 1162 Enfield Street** - Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install roof-mounted solar panels; John Scott, Applicant; Youssef Abdelaziz, Owner; Map 20/ Lot 143 HR-33 Zone

Application was continued to next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Calendar dates:

Commissioner Smyth motioned to approve the 2025 meeting dates. Commissioner Gwozdz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 6-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Tatoian noted Commissioner Reidy resigned and questioned if the town received formal resignation.

Mr. Hiney stated he did receive an email with her resignation.

PLANNING STAFF REPORT

NA

ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

NA

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Troiano motioned to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Commissioner Fallon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 6-0-0

Note: Next Historic District Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 7PM

By: Richard Tatoian, Chairperson

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