

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING**

The Historic District Commission held a Special Meeting at 5:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Barbara Theurkauf, Chairman; Vice Chair Henry von Wodtke, Geoffrey Dellenbaugh, Secretary; Commissioners John Langmaid, and Robyn Guimont; Rebeca Augur, AICP, Director of Planning and Land Use Services

Excused: Brian Chiffer and Jane Gordon Julien

Chairman Theurkauf called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application of the Town of Glastonbury for a Certificate of Appropriateness – door replacement on the front of building, northeast corner – 2157 Main Street

Dave Sachitella, Building Superintendent for the Town, provided an overview of the project. He explained that at the time the customer service lobby addition was designed, there was some thought to incorporate more extensive work on this particular door. However, due to budgetary and other constraints, this door was not incorporated in the final construction project. The current porch roof and trim around the door have a lot of wood rot and need to be replaced. The Town wants to update the door and porch, without making it feel like a new front entrance, as its primary purpose is egress.

Jay Stabach of id3a introduced two concepts for the redesigned and updated door. He indicated that they looked at photos from the mid-1940s for a better understanding of the door's original look. He presented two concepts. The first was a paneled and painted front door, the second was a glass front door. In both scenarios, the existing roof and trim is replaced with upgraded materials made to replicate the current wood features.

Commissioner Guimont indicated she liked both approaches, and asked Mr. Stabach which would make the door less likely to appear as a new front entrance. Mr. Stabach felt that the paneled wood door would.

Chair Theurkauf asked if a hybrid between the two options was possible, with a paneled front door, with small paneled windows on either side, similar to many historic homes. Mr. Stabach and Mr. Sachitella agreed that a hybrid version of the door was a viable option. There was discussion that a hybrid option let more light into the porch for emergency exit purposes, and was in keeping with typical historic style.

Commissioner Dellenbaugh MOVED to close the public hearing, Commissioner Guimont SECONDED. MOTION was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sacchitella asked about any concerns over tinting the windows, as most of Town Hall's windows are tinted. Chair Theurkauf indicated that is not a concern.

Chair Theurkauf MOVED to approve a certificate of appropriateness for a solid door with glass panels on the sides and replacement of deteriorated porch elements; Commissioner Dellenbaugh SECONDED. MOTION passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Acceptance of Minutes – June 15, 2021 Special Meeting

Commissioner Dellenbaugh MOVED to accept the minutes as presented. Vice Chair von Wodtke SECONDED the motion. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Other Business

Chair Theurkauf will continue to work with Mary Dunn from the State Historic Preservation Office to arrange a presentation on historic districts for those in the potential Hubbard St. expansion area. Originally intended to be in-person, it is likely to be via Zoom now. Commissioner Julien previously agreed to help go door-to-door to let residents in the area know.

Resources on disaster planning for historic resources were previously shared with Commission members and staff.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Augur, AICP
Director of planning and Land Use Services