

**CHESHIRE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL - 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Joseph Dattilo, James Vibert, Sr., George Pawlush, Lisa Franco and Gayle Nidoh

Commissioners Absent:

John Torello and Helen Wilson

Staff Present:

Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

Others Present:

Brian Rogers, SIG Insurance

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dattilo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was taken for the meeting.

III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Dattilo seated all alternate commissioners for voting tonight with the Historic District Commission.

IV. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Certificate of Appropriateness #2020-004
219 South Main Street
Ricciardi Builders, LLC acting on behalf of Brian Rogers
Replacement of Handicap Ramp

Mr. Sitko stated there were no communications with regard to this application, except one email from Joe Ricciardi, the builder, indicating the railings will be made from white vinyl, classic style with 4" on center 2"x2" balusters, resembling a classic wooden railing. Mr. Rogers said the existing ramp is a monstrosity and the goal is to make it smaller, more streamlined and more attractive. Mr. Dattilo stated the application indicates the railings will be made of a fiberglass material which will add texture. There was a discussion about the railings and whether the new ramp will be attached to the building. Mr. Rogers was unable to answer some of the questions from the commissioners and stated he will contact the builder, who was not able to attend the meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Vibert to close the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

SECONDED by Mrs. Nidoh and passed unanimously.

VII. Special Meeting

1. **Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - July 6, 2020**

MOTION by Mr. Vibert to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 6, 2020 as submitted.

SECONDED by Mrs. Franco and passed unanimously.

2. **Communications**

There were no communications.

VIII. Business

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness #2020-004
219 South Main Street
Ricciardi Builders. LLC
Replace Handicap Ramp

MOTION by Mr. Pawlusch to approve Certificate of Appropriateness #2020-004 with the following stipulations: 1) the ramp must be freestanding, removable and not attached to the building; and 2) the railings must be textured to look like faux wood.

SECONDED by Mrs. Franco and passed unanimously.

B. Committees

1. Education/Community Outreach

Mr. Vibert stated he would like to revisit the idea of putting plaques on all of the homes in the Historic Districts. Mr. Vibert will do some research and Mrs. Franco will help with the design.

2. Regulations/Rules

a. Handbook

There was no discussion.

b. Design Guidelines

Mr. Sitko stated he has been in touch with Preservation Connecticut in an effort to get the Design Guidelines completed.

3. Chairman's Report

There was no discussion.

4. Other

There was no discussion.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Franco to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

SECONDED by Mrs. Nidoh and passed unanimously.

Attest:

Karen M. Gill
Recording Secretary