

Newtown Municipal Center
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HATTERTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 28, 2021

Public Hearings on two applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

Present:

Commissioners: Chris Layda-Chair, Joel Malin-Vice Chair, Bruce Degen-Secretary, Joan Petersen, Don Lococo-Alt. Commissioner, Christine Degen-Alt. Commissioner, Also present, District resident: Debbie Malin

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness filed by Deborah O. Malin of 219 Hattertown Road to install a propane tank and generator system with related site work and screening. The tank will be buried, the generator and switches screened by landscaping and/or fencing. The fencing would be wood and matching in design to fencing that already exists in the District.

Q: If mostly not visible from the road, and if the project is deemed a necessity because of the increasing frequency and length of power outages in the Town and the State, why is a C of A necessary?

Discussion: To maintain the special historic nature of the HHD, it is necessary to review the impact of structures that are visible, even if minimally, and explore the solutions which agree with the spirit of the regulations and the nature of the HHD.

Q: How soon would the landscaping done?

A: Immediately.

Q: Which road would have a view of the site?

A: Hattertown Road.

Q: Do you have a fence style in mind?

A: To match the fencing at 62 Castle Meadow Rd, which has been in place for approx. 20 years, solid boards and trim painted to match the house. It is a traditional style.

Q: How much of the tank would be above ground?

A: If there is no problem with excavation, only as much as is necessary to allow propane delivery, but the combination of depth, landscaping and fencing would conceal almost all of it.

A vote was called to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, Joel Malin abstaining, being from the vote being the owner of the property.
The vote was unanimous in favor. The first Public Hearing was ended at 7:30.

The second Public Hearing for the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness filed by Bruce and Christine Degen of 62 Castle Meadow Road install a propane tank and generator system with related site work and screening. The tank, the generator and switches will be screened by landscaping and fencing. The fencing would be wood and match existing fencing on this property.

Q: Is there consideration of safety in the placement of the propane tank in relation to Castle Meadow Road?

A: The placement of the tank will conform to or exceed codes for distance from the road. The site is uphill from the road, there will be landscaping and fencing as a barrier.

Q: Will the tank be buried?

A: There is a septic field on the side of the house. The tank will not be next to it. We will site the tank and install it with a minimum of heavy equipment rolling across that side of the house. The grade of the property will make it possible to screen the tank and generator equipment with solid fencing and large evergreens, using hollies that are on the site. There is a drop of grade because of the original walkout basement kitchen

Q: What will be the height of the fencing? Style? Color?

A: The existing fencing on the property is solid board and trim that are painted to match the color of the house. The height will not exceed six feet, and may not need to even reach that height, with the landscaping and the planting. There is an existing holly at the corner of the house which will have to be moved to place the generator in that spot, is already eight feet tall, and it will be placed in front of the fencing with other similar evergreens, screening the fence from the road as well. From Castle Meadow Road the effect will be to duplicate the fencing and planting that is already there.

A vote was called to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, Bruce and Christine Degen abstaining. The vote was unanimous in favor. The second Public Hearing ended at 7:50.

Minutes Submitted by Bruce Degen, Secretary.
7/29/2021