



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Historic District Commission

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Office of Planning and  
Development Services  
Town Hall Annex  
134 Groton Long Point  
Road  
Groton, CT 06340  
860-446-5970

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Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 2  
134 Groton Long Point Road, Groton

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#### Chair

Chair Eric Goodman

#### Vice Chair

Vice Chair William Furgueson

#### Secretary

Secretary Todd F. Brady

#### Members

Member Ted Kietzman

Member Kirsten Pacca

#### Alternates

Alternate John Goodrich

Alternate Max Leonard

#### I. ROLL CALL

- I.1. Chairman Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members present: Goodman, Brady, Furgueson, Pacca, Kietzman & Goodrich

Members absent: Leonard

Staff present: Brennan

Brady read the Public Hearing notice.

Goodman waived the reading of the public hearing procedures.

#### II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- II.1. HDC24-0006 – 5 Prospect St – Joanne Spellane, Owner/Applicant – Addition - PIN 261805198814  
Continued at Owner/Applicant request to April 16, 2024.

- II.2. HDC24-0016 – 7 Water St – Lauren Wells, Applicant / Tim Owens, Owner – Sign Replacement - PIN 261918307563  
Lauren Wells, Applicant (Owner Pearl Restuarant) came before the commission to discuss the replacement of the business sign at 7 Water St. Presentation included a photo of the building and sign as Pizzetta along with a rendering of the building and sign after her leasing the property from

Tim Owens, Owner with new business name, Pearl. The Pizzetta sign is being swapped out, same size, mounting bracket etc., simply changing color and business name.

- II.3. HDC24-0017 – 2 Elm St– Kathleen Hastings, Applicant / Catherine Rief, Owner – Fence Installation – PIN 261918208349  
Drew Raymond, Owner, Superior Fence and Rail, presented the proposed fence on behalf of Catherine Rief, Owner. Presentation included fence specifications (6' cap and trail 74" total with cap, and 4' picket fence), photographs, site plan. Commission reviewed complete file provided with application included photos of current fence and condition.
- II.4. HDC24-0018 – 2 Pearl St– John Walsh, Applicant / Leo Roche, Owner – Combine 2 & 4 Pearl St - PIN 261918319030 & 261918319034  
John Walsh, Architect and Leo Roche, Owner presented plans to combine 2 & 4 Pearl St. Presentation included site plan, current and proposed elevations and photos, material list including replacement windows and casing to match existing, new siding to match existing cement board. Full plan drawings entered as exhibit. Joe Murli, 14 Pearl St. spoke regarding commercial development in the downtown area, parking, noise, drag racing etc. Mr. Murli's complaint was regarding quality of life of the residents of Mystic. He stated he was in support of what's trying to be done at the Harp & Hound. He would like the commission to take his concerns into consideration when hearing applications.
- II.5. HDC24-0019 – 35 W Mystic Ave – Jeffrey Moriarty, Applicant/Owner – Exterior Renovations – PIN 261805282297  
Jeff Moriarty, Applicant/Owner presented his plans for exterior renovations to his home. Windows, trim, siding and roof, gutters and chimney. Presentation included a site plan, photographs of all elevations and public view, material list including photographs and descriptions of proposed products, and windows to be replaced, shingles and new round top chimney.
- II.6. HDC24-0020 – 37 Pearl St – Julie Wicker Applicant/Owner – Fence Installation & Porch Replacement – PIN 261918420344  
Julie Wicker, Applicant/Owner and Orlando also homeowner, presented their plans to install a fence at the front of the property and replace their current front porch and railing. Their presentation included photos of the current conditions of the home, proposed fence, site plan as well as photos of the stone work to replace current wood porch. The commission requested a cut sheet on the stone and recommend removing the fence from the application until they find the exact fence they want to install at the front of the property.

III. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- III.1. HDC24-0016 – 7 Water St – Lauren Wells, Applicant / Tim Owens, Owner – Sign Replacement - PIN 261918307563

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Kietzman, Ted		Seconded by: Goodman, Eric		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Eric Goodman	X			
William Furgueson	X			
Todd F. Brady	X			
Ted Kietzman	X			

Kirsten Pacca	X			
John Goodrich				
APPROVED				

III.2. HDC24-0017 – 2 Elm St– Kathleen Hastings, Applicant / Catherine Rief, Owner – Fence Installation – PIN 261918208349

Motion to approve with the stipulation that the tall fence does not exceed seven feet in height and the short fence does not exceed 5 feet in height.

Moved by: Goodman, Eric		Seconded by: Furgueson, William		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Eric Goodman	X			
William Furgueson	X			
Todd F. Brady	X			
Ted Kietzman	X			
Kirsten Pacca	X			
John Goodrich				
APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS				

III.3. HDC24-0018 – 2 Pearl St– John Walsh, Applicant / Leo Roche, Owner – Combine 2 & 4 Pearl St - PIN 261918319030 & 261918319034

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Goodman, Eric		Seconded by: Kietzman, Ted		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Eric Goodman	X			
William Furgueson	X			
Todd F. Brady	X			
Ted Kietzman	X			
Kirsten Pacca	X			
John Goodrich				
APPROVED				

III.4. HDC24-0019 – 35 W Mystic Ave – Jeffrey Moriarty, Applicant/Owner – Exterior Renovations – PIN 261805282297

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Furgueson, William		Seconded by: Goodman, Eric		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Eric Goodman	X			
William Furgueson	X			
Todd F. Brady	X			
Ted Kietzman	X			
Kirsten Pacca	X			
John Goodrich				
APPROVED				

III.5. HDC24-0020 – 37 Pearl St – Julie Wicker Applicant/Owner – Fence Installation & Porch Replacement – PIN 261918420344

Motion to approve porch replacement with the stipulation a cut sheet for the stone veneer to be used is submitted and the new railing are like for like. The fence is not to be included in this COA.

Moved by: Kietzman, Ted		Seconded by: Furgueson, William		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Eric Goodman	X			
William Furgueson	X			
Todd F. Brady	X			
Ted Kietzman	X			
Kirsten Pacca	X			
John Goodrich				
APPROVED				

IV. PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW

IV.1. Anna Troiano - 148 High St.

Anna Troiano presented her proposed plans to add a fence to her property. The commission made recommendations for additional information to be submitted for her formal application.

IV.2. Peter Springsteel - 5 Park Place

Peter Springsteel, Architect, presented proposed plans to renovate the property. Renovations and additions to include interior and exterior renovations of the home, replace the current garage on the property with a studio building, add a new garage, pool, pergola and portico the the main house.

Motion to add to pre-application review.

Moved by: Goodman, Eric		Seconded by: Kietzman, Ted		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Eric Goodman	X			
William Furgueson	X			
Todd F. Brady	X			
Ted Kietzman	X			
Kirsten Pacca	X			
John Goodrich				
APPROVED				

V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

V.1. Public Communications

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

VI.1. March 19, 2024

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Kietzman, Ted		Seconded by: Goodman, Eric		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Eric Goodman	X			
William Furgueson	X			
Todd F. Brady	X			
Ted Kietzman	X			
Kirsten Pacca	X			
John Goodrich				
APPROVED				

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VII.1. 7 Water St. - The commission discussed violations past and present and how to handle any violations going forward.

Bank & Bridge - The commission asked about a keg fence on the property, on going discussion about a fence in HDC violation.

A vinyl fence on High St was also dicussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII.1. None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

IX.1. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Todd Brady, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

Prepared by Susan Choquette  
Building Permit Technician