

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

8 PM

LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Deysenroth; Vice Chair Chris Kimberley; Members, Lynne Langlois, Roland Poirier (8:18), Carol Baldwin (8:28) and Alternate Kathy Failla.

ABSENT: Alternate Nicky Bleifeld

Public: Historical Society President Pamela Kersey, Dallas Kersey, Richard Wolfe, First Selectman, Chris Spaulding, Town Manager Jonathan Luiz, Principal of Lyons Plains Architects Hannah Przada, Library Director Karen Tatarka, and Library Board Chairman Anne Hunt

Chairmen Deysenroth called the meeting to order at 8 PM.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved unanimously on a motion of Mr. Kimberley seconded by Mrs. Failla.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard Wolfe presented the application of the Weston Historical Society for handicapped access to the Coley House. The architectural firm for the project is Preservation Studios. The plan is for a ramp to be erected on the north side of the building for access through the parlor door which will also be widened to provide wheelchair access. The railing will mimic the detail on the front porch.

Comments from the public: Dr. Spaulding, "Love it." Hannah Przada., "is needed."

There were no questions from the commission. Mr. Deysenroth made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, Mr. Kimberley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. A Certificate of Appropriateness was granted with the stipulation that the work would be completed within 18 months - August 6, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Deysenroth reported that he had met with First Selectman Spaulding, Town Manager Jonathan Luiz and Town Attorney and that they had agreed that the town would not pursue trying to have town owned buildings removed from the Norfield Historic District.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED DANIEL OFFUTT III CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND THE ARTS

First Selectman Spaulding said that "The town has been gifted a 'specific design' "

Member Kimberley noted that no application has been received and therefore the Commission was unable to take any action until a formal application was received.

Architect Hannah Przada presented the Commission with renderings and floor plans of the proposed 6,800+/- square foot addition to the North side of the Library. The footprint of the new space will “true up” the Library to current standards for square footage relative to population.

The proposed design has a glass atrium along the North wall. A metal, perhaps zinc, roof is proposed. The architect said that she had chosen natural materials to blend into the landscape. Mr. Deysenroth asked about exterior lighting, Ms. Przada said it was designed to meet local regulations with no light pollution. Mr. Kimberley asked for a list of materials and Mr. Poirier asked if the architect would provide samples of the materials. Mr. Deysenroth asked to see a plan of the parking lot. Ms. Przada said that she had met with the Fire Marshall and Town Engineer.

Ms. Przada indicated that there would be a new air handling system and that she was exploring geothermal heating.

Mr. Deysenroth explained the process and requirements for application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

There being no other business before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM on a motion of Mr. Poirier, seconded by Mr. Kimberley.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Langlois

Clerk Pro Tem

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The Weston Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 8:00 PM in the Weston Library conference room on the Application of the Weston Historical Society, 104 Weston Road, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to :Installation of Handicap Ramp and Landing at parlor doorway. A copy of the application is available at Weston Town Hall, attached to the meeting agenda.

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