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WESTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES

HELD March 15, 2017

PRESENT: Paul Deysenroth (Chair); Lynne Langlois; Carol Baldwin; Naomi Bleifeld; Chris Kimberly
Absent: Roland Poirier, Sharon Shattuck (alternate)
Also in attendance: Jacob and Edyta Awan, 440 Newtown Turnpike, Weston

The MEETING was called to order at 8:09 pm and was held at the Weston Annex Building on School Road.

Alternate Naomi Bleifeld served as a full Commission member in Roland's absence.

This was a Special Meeting of the Commission scheduled in order to discuss the building project at 440 Newtown Turnpike, which is within the Den Historic District. A posting of this Special Meeting appeared in the Weston Forum and plans were made available for review in the Town Clerk's office.

Paul Deysenroth explained that the homeowners presented their plans to the Town Building Department who should have notified the Historic District Commission that the homeowner's planned to make changes to the exterior of their house which is in a Historic District; he failed to do this. The Commission was alerted that demolition had begun on the house. At that point, the Building Inspector wrote a letter to the homeowners requesting that they cease work on the property. A Special Meeting was then scheduled with the homeowners for March 15, 2017 to discuss their plans. Scans of their plans were emailed to the Commission members.

The house in question, located at 440 Newtown Turnpike, is a 1940s Cape style house. Three sides of the house are visible from the road: the front, north and south ends.

As of this meeting, the homeowners have demolished the side porch on the north end of the house and a gazebo on the property, both visible from the public road. An upper window on the south side of the house was also demolished.

Homeowners Jacob and Edyta Awan presented their plans to the Commission. (A left elevation was missing). Their plan is to change the house from 1 ½ floors to 2 full floors, as well add a 2-story addition to the north end of the house with large casement windows. The new planned height of the house is 35 feet. The entrance to the house would be changed to have a covered porch and steps down, which the homeowners feel would be safer than the current front stoop. All windows as well as the roof will be replaced. In the current plans, the new

windows will be vinyl and of a different style than the current windows and the roof will be fiberglass. The plans show shingle siding; the current house is clapboard.

The Commission expressed their concern that the plan for the house was not in keeping with the prevailing style of houses in the Den District. The homeowners expressed interest in modifying their plans to be more in keeping with the Den District and present new plans at the next meeting. At the Commission's next scheduled meeting on April 5, the homeowner's application will be heard as a continuance; the homeowners will not have to reapply for a new hearing. Their application will be placed on the agenda for April 5th meeting.

As stated above, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 8pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin)

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SPECIAL MEETING Historic District Commission Agenda

Hi all.

There will be a **special meeting** on March 15,2017 at 8:00 PM in the meeting room located in the Annex located on School Road, Weston, CT.

Order of business to review, discuss, and vote on the application to be presented by the owners of the home located at 440 Newtown Turnpike, Weston CT.

Please let me know if you cannot attend. No other business will be presented at this meeting. Randi and Donna please post the agenda.

Thanks,
Paul Deysenroth, Chairman

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The Weston Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 8PM in the meeting room of the Annex on School Road to hear the application of Edyta Awan for modifications and additions to 440 Newtown Turnpike located in the Den Historic District, including : the wood shingled exterior of the house, the vinyl windows, and a fiberglass shingled roof.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk in Weston Town Hall, Monday through Friday 9 AM to 4PM.

Paul Deysenroth, Jr.

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Lynne <LMLanglois@ATT.NET>
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Thank you,

Lynne M. Langlois for Mr. Deysenroth



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