

WESTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2008

“MINUTES”

Members Present: Chairman Lynne Langlois and Sharon Shattuck. Roland Poirer and Chris Kimberly participated via phone conference calls.

Members Absent: Nikki Bleifeld and two vacancies

Guests: Stuart Lade (Architect)

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman Lynne Langlois

Lynne appointed Roland Poirer to vote in place of Nikki Bleifeld

1. This was a public hearing on an application from Ms. Kathryn Koslow to construct a driveway loop across the front beginning at lower existing driveway behind the barn and add a portico at the property located on 135 Lyons Plain Rd. Architect Mr. Stuart Lade stated homeowner Ms. Koslow made modifications to the landscaping to construct retaining walls of field stone boulders, add landscaped screening and a portico over the entry door in the front. A wooden picket fence may be added on the front property. Lynne stated when the house was built in 1999 the commission asked for screening between the two houses located on the property.

Mr. Lade reported forty trees were planted over the septic leech field. He stated they were planted on 8' center and would have had to be revised for screening. The visual access to the house was unattractive and unsightly. A landscape architect plan was designed to solve the problem and still in keeping with being attractive and sensitive to the Historic District. Lynne stated there will be fewer plantings and more varied plantings. Mr. Lade stated he may add a stairway connecting the two buildings and joining them visually.

Sharon made a motion to accept the application for Ms. Koslow as stated at 135 Lyons Plain Rd. Lynne seconded motion. All in favor 3-0. Lynne stated the application's term will be valid for eighteen months with additional stipulations. The owner has the option to erect a white wooden picket fence and a stairway connecting the two principal buildings.

2. Approval of minutes of the July meeting: Sharon made a motion to accept the July 2, 2008 minutes as corrected. Lynne seconded motion. All in favor 3-0.

3. Old Business: Lynne read the denial of the application of the Town Hall for a Certificate of Appropriateness to Roland. Roland questioned the esthetics slate which was half the cost. This is not used often in cold climates. Sharon stated this was looked into which the Selectmen decided not to apply for being they are wary that no other contractors have used it north of North Carolina. Lynne reported there is a state grant for municipalities which she made Tom Landry and Woody Bliss aware of. Lynne encouraged them to apply for this state grant soon so the town could start in the spring and the grant may be available by then. Lynne will also present a copy of the denial of the application to Chris Kimberly for review.

4. New Business: none

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Sundlof