

EAST HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town of East Haddam Municipal Office Complex

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Regular Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Municipal Office Complex

Meeting Room 1

VIA YOUTUBE LIVE

1.) Members present: Will Brady, Jack Lovejoy, Steve Rossi, David Nelson, Karl Stofko and Joe Zirlis

Others present: Edward Blaschik Manager of the Goodspeed and Rebecca Wonneberger, recording Secretary

2.) Call to order: the regular meeting of the East Haddam Historic District commission was called to order at 7:35pm upon the arrival of a quorum. Mr. Lovejoy was asked to vote in place of absent members should the need arise.

3.) Public Hearing C-02-24

Chairman Brady asked the member is it was ok to change the agenda and do the public hearing before the approval of the minutes from the last meeting. The commission agreed to wait to approve the minutes until after the hearing. Mr. Blaschik presented the green card to the commission. Mr. Blaschik stated the Goodspeed would like to put up a 20-x20 tent to be used for the sale of single serve beverages and snack and in essence expand the lobby space of the Goodspeed. Mr. Blaschik also stated the tent would be present seasonally from about June until October. He also stated this was a trial to see how it goes. Chairman Brady asked about the equipment being outside and the safety of any visiting school children. Mr. Blaschik stated all supplies would be brought out and set up before the

performance and the bar would be served by a certified Bartender, who would card persons wishing to drink alcohol to ensure it was distributed in a safe manor. Mr. Nelson asked if the tent was going to be present every year and Mr. Blaschik stated they were using this season as a trial and they would see how it went from there. Chairman Brady stated the approval would be approved for seasonal use going forward but, should they wish to change to look of the tent or expand it, the Goodspeed would need to come before the commission again.

A motion to approve the construction of a 20x20 white tent to be present seasonally from June until October was made by Mr. Rosssi and seconded by Mr. Nelson the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3.) Chairman's report: chairman Brady stated he noticed even more changes at the champion house as well as other properties and further discussion ensued. Mr. Lovejoy felt the commission was not being taken seriously and felt something should be done to show there are consequences for ignoring the regulations. Chairman Brady stated he would speak to Mr. Ventress the zoning enforcement officer to have a word with the various property owners.

Chairman Brady also stated he found an old copy of the Historic District commissions news Letter and felt parts of it could be changed and updated and suggested sending it to both every property owner in the district and the property owners whom owned historic homes in town. Mr. Nelson stated he felt the historic Property owners should have a different letter than those who lived in a historic district. Further discussion ensued.

3.) Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rossoi and seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wonneberger

Recording secretary