

**CITY OF GROTON
EASTERN POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM**

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Granatosky, George Swift, Mark Whalen
Alternate: Marcia Gipstein
Absent: Joe Esposito, Mary Johnson
Also present: Carlton Smith, Denise Nott, David Torgersen, Patrick O'Donnell

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2011.

Motion: George Swift
Second: Marcia Gipstein
Decision: Approved

III. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. ***HDC Application #165;** Speaking on behalf of the Kunkemoellers was Denise Nott of Nutmeg Builders. Application is for a shed to be built in behind the house at 218 Shore Avenue. The shed will be 10' x 12' which is a correction from the information on the agenda. The planned clapboard on the shed will not match the cedar siding on the house, though the color will match. It was proposed that a cedar impression-like vinyl siding would be more in keeping with the look of the house. Ms Nott indicated that the builder could change the siding.

Motion: George Swift
Second: Mark Granatosky
Decision: Approve HDC Application #165 with the condition that the siding be changed to a cedar impression-like siding in gray.

2. ***HDC Application #166;** Speaking on behalf of David Torgersen was Patrick O'Donnell, the building contractor. Application is for a set of stairs of the porch on the south side of 30 Hillside Avenue. The stairway will match the main entrance stairway as closely as possible. Carlton Smith mentioned that a handrail is required by the building regulations. The builder and owner agreed to install one, and it was agreed upon to be copper. The owner also indicated that he plans on attempting to match the tiles on the main entrance stairway.

There was discussion that they can possibly override the building requirement for the handrail by applying for a modification to the State.

Motion: Mark Whalen
Second: George Swift
Decision: Approve HDC Application #166 with the condition that the tile will match the front entrance stairway tile and that a handrail will be installed in copper.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

Carlton Smith mentioned that Groton's Annual City Day Celebration will take place on Friday, August 5th. He asked if anyone would like to volunteer in the food tent or to collect cash, please contact Deb Patrick, City Clerk at 860-446-4102.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Mark Whalen
Second: George Swift

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Secretary