

**EASTERN POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
4:30 PM**

Chairman Whalen read the following:

In response to State of Connecticut Executive Order No. 7B “Protection of Public Health and Safety During Covid-19 Pandemic and Response – Further Suspension or Modification of Statutes”, dated March 14, 2020, suspending in-person open meeting requirements, all public meetings will be closed to the public at this time.

Member Kunkemoeller read the notice of new business:

The City of Groton Eastern Point Historic District Commission will hold a special virtual meeting on October 30, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. to hear and act on the following matter:

Application # 225, Andrea Lanoux/Christopher Colbath, 178 Shore Avenue seek to install a 6 ft white vinyl fence, at 32 feet along the back and 48 feet long along the side. There will be two gates: one between our two garages opening onto S. Prospect, and the other between our home and our neighbor's home at 182 Shore Ave. We do not anticipate that the fence will be visible when looking at the house from Shore Avenue.

PIN#168707595283

Written communications relative to the above will be received by November 6, 2020 by 12:00 noon to [patrickd@cityofgroton-ct.gov](mailto:patrickd@cityofgroton-ct.gov) . A copy of the application is on file for public inspection on the City of Groton website, [www.cityofgroton.com](http://www.cityofgroton.com) under Public Notices, in the EPHDC folder.

Dated at Groton, Connecticut this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

The City of Groton

Eastern Point Historic District Commission

Mark Whalen, Chairperson

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: In person: Chairperson Mark Whalen

Via Zoom: Bernadette Kunkemoeller, Cheryl Auerbach, and Marcia Gipstein.

Excused: Mark Granatosky

Also present: Staff, City Clerk Debra Patrick and Mayor Keith Hedrick

Via Zoom applicants: Andrea Lanoux and Chris Colbath

Chairman Whalen called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

### **III. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Whalen opened the public hearing at 4:45 p.m. and read a description of the project.

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Ms. Lanoux went over the scope of the project and their reasons for wanting to install the fencing.

Chairperson Whalen asked if Ms. Lanoux wanted to add anything regarding the fencing she may want to put around the propane tank.

Ms. Lanoux said it was recommended that she cover the tank and they are will to do that if it is acceptable by the commission.

There was some discussion that fencing in the propane tank is not required under the regulations of EPHDC however they certainly may do it and the materials they are using would be acceptable.

There was further discussion that plantings are not an acceptable covering as they are seasonal.

Ms. Gipstein noted the regulations stipulate the fencing along the front of the property can only be 4 feet and the applicant is requesting to put 6 foot fencing.

There was a lengthy discussion that the fencing would not be along the front of the property, where the gates will be located and that most of it would not be visible from the front of the property.

Chairperson Whalen asked if there were any questions from the applicant before closing the public hearing for deliberations.

There being none the public hearing closed at 5:10 p.m.

There was a discussion on whether the commission was comfortable with a 6 foot fence and the language to give the discretion to the applicant on the height.

Chairperson Whalen asked for a motion to approve Application #225 with up to 6 foot fencing and that the applicants may enclose the propane tanks with the same fencing should they choose to.

Motion: Marcia Gipstein  
Second: Cheryl Auerbach  
Decision: Approved, 4-0-0

Ms. Lanoux asked if they can begin the work now.  
Chairperson Whalen explained the Certificate of Appropriateness would go out after the 15 day appeal period.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Meeting Minutes August 6, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion: Cheryl Auerbach  
Second: Bernadette Kunkeloeller  
Decision: Approved, 4-0-0

Election of Officers

Chairperson Whalen asked for a nomination from the floor for Chairperson.

Motion: Cheryl Auerbach moved Mark Whalen as Chairperson.

Second: by Marcia Gipstein.

Decision: Approved, 4-0-0

Chairperson Whalen asked for a nomination from the floor for Vice-Chairperson.

Motion: Mark Whalen moved Cheryl Auerbach as Vice-Chairperson

Second: by Bernadette Kunkemoeller.

Decision: Approved, 4-0-0

Chairperson Whalen asked for a motion from the floor for Clerk.

Motion: Mark Whalen moved Bernadette Kunkemoeller as clerk.

Second: Cheryl Auerbach

Decision: Approved, 4-0-0

There was discussion on needing 3 Alternate members and how someone can apply.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Whalen adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

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Debra Patrick, City Clerk