

**EASTERN POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 August 6, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. to hear and act on the following matter:

Application # 224, Applicant Gregory Grim, 27 Meech Avenue seeks to install a widow’s walk on flat portion of roof, materials will match current fencing. PIN #168819504892

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

Dated at Groton, Connecticut this 27th day of July 2020.

The City of Groton

Eastern Point Historic District Commission

Mark Whalen, Chairperson

I. ROLL CALL

Present: In person: Bernadette Kunkemoeller, Cheryl Auerbach, and Mark Whalen.

Via Zoom/Telephone: Mark Granatosky and Marcia Gipstein

Also present: Staff, Carlton Smith, Mayor’s Admin Jill Rusk and City Clerk Debra Patrick

Gregory Grim, Via Zoom

Chairman Whalen called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Meeting Minutes May 7, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion: Cheryl Auerbach

Second: Bernadette Kunkeloeller

M. Granatosky noted a typo on page 2, second paragraph.

Ms. Patrick said it would be corrected.

M. Granatosky said clarification was needed in his comment during the discussion.

Ms. Patrick said it would be noted that he asked for a summary of the plan during discussion.

Decision: Approved, 5-0-0

III. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Application # 224, Applicant Gregory Grim, 27 Meech Avenue seeks to install a widow's walk on flat portion of roof, materials will match current fencing. PIN #168819504892
Chairperson Whalen opened the public hearing at 4:38 p.m. and read a description of the project.

Mr. Grim went over the scope of the work he wishes to do and gave the dimensions of the widow's walk. He noted the materials and went over the photos included with his application.

Chairperson Whalen said the photos of the fence show pickets at the top of the fence but not on the railing for the widow's walk.

Mr. Grim said the pickets would not be on the railing.

Chairperson Whalen asked what the height of the railing would be.

Mr. Grim said it would be whatever is required by code.

Mr. Smith said 36" is required.

Ms. Auerbach asked how he would get to the widow's walk.

Mr. Grim said there is an interior roof hatch entrance that will be opened when the roof is done.

Chairperson Whalen asked if the widow's walk would be closed other than the roof hatch.

Mr. Grim said it would be.

There was discussion on drainage and that the roofing materials would be consistent with requirements.

Chairperson Whalen closed the public hearing at 4:53 p.m. closed.

Members Whalen, Auerbach, Kunkemoeller, Gipstein and Granatosky all agreed this would be well suited to the house and is in keeping with another home in the neighborhood that has one.

Motion: Bernadette Kunkemoeller

Second: Cheryl Auerbach

Decision: Approved, 5-0-0

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Whalen adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Debra Patrick, City Clerk