

SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 – 9:00 (VIA ZOOM)

Call to Order. Present: Carol Mason, M. C. Taylor, Robert Highsmith, and Elyse Harney.

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by E. Harney, seconded by M.C. Taylor and unanimously **Approved**.
2. Planning Discussion – Workshop on Solar Installations – Tabled to October 5, 2021 meeting.
3. First discussion on inclusion of this property in Salisbury Historic District, Dr. Henry M. Knight House at 67 Sharon Road in Lakeville.  
Heidi Hoeller, property owner, explained why they would like to include this property in the Historic District. The 3 reasons are: Social History, Significant Persons and Architectural Significance. The property is currently being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Preservation Review Board. In CT, once a nomination is approved by the Board, it is automatically listed in the State Register of Historic Places. R. Highsmith asked about the protocol and how long it would take to add the property to the Salisbury Historic District. E. Harney explained that the SHDC must accept and approve the application; then it would require a Town meeting to approve the addition. She added that Rachel Lamb would be willing to research the records at Town Hall. (Note: Commission member Tom Callahan arrived at this time.) T. Callahan offered that it takes a lot of work to expand a Historic District; it would be much easier to come in as an independent house, as it is not within the existing Lakeville Historic District. He added that the formal application to the State comes first; if approved, the SHDC would work on an application for the Town. Ms. Hoeller asked if a COA for a new roof would be required now; T. Callahan answered no, there is no need for a COA from the SHDC, at this time.
4. COA Application #2021-011 / 8 Main Street, Salisbury / Voldstad / Install new fence / DOR: 08/31 /2021.  
Kathy Voldstad described the proposed new fence that would be installed near the front entrance of the house, to create a small fenced garden area. R. Highsmith mentioned seeing a historic photo showing a picket fence; Ms. Voldstad responded that the preference is for a durable cast iron fence, about 40” tall with a 48” tall gate across the width of the walkway. A **Motion to Accept COA Application #2021-011** was made by T. Callahan, seconded by R. Highsmith and unanimously **Approved**. A Public Hearing notice will appear in the Lakeville Journal; the **Public Hearing date was set is for October 5, 2021 at 9:45am**.

5. COA Application #2021-010 / 264 Taconic Road (Old Stone House) / Stevenson (BarlisWedlick Architects LLC) / New proposed driveway and parking area / DOR: 08/30/2021.

Liza Paredes and Christine Berdahl, BarlisWedlick, described the proposed new driveway and additional parking areas. They described the property as having steep slopes, rocky areas and wetlands, making alternate locations not viable. T. Callahan asked for more information to be provided about the retaining wall and driveway materials. He asked if wetlands setbacks were considered; Ms. Paredes replied, yes. T. Callahan also noted that the 2 entrances on Taconic Road and the surface areas would need to go to Planning & Zoning. R. Highsmith asked if SHDC approval comes first; T. Callahan suggested having simultaneous conversations. He indicated that he wants to see a complete application, with the materials requested, along with the PZC comments before the Public Hearing. Ms. Paredes offered that the retaining walls will be compatible with the Stone House and they will limit the use of asphalt. As to visibility from the road, Ms. Paredes described the high point of the driveway is on a knoll, about a 12' rise to the upper auto court; they will add trees. She added that part of the driveway going up the slope will be visible, the retaining wall is low and the lower auto court will be visible. T. Callahan wants the information about the materials; R. Highsmith would like to see samples. Imagery is acceptable. **A Motion to Accept COA Application 2021-010, with the Condition that information about the materials for the driveway, retaining walls and anything visible will be provided before the Public Hearing,** was made by T. Callahan, seconded by R. Highsmith and unanimously **Approved**. A Public Hearing notice will appear in the Lakeville Journal; the **date for the Public Hearing was set for October 5, 2021 at 9:30am.**

(Note: Commissioners T. Callahan and R. Highsmith left the meeting at this time.)

6. New Business – None

There was a brief discussion of the on-going work on the maps of the Historic District and individual properties; certain questions remain to be clarified regarding property lines before they can be certified. C. Mason will contact Mary Dunne at the State office about additional help, including surveys. It was suggested that Rachel Lamb could research the Town Records, also. Further steps will be discussed, in the future.

7. **Adjournment. So Moved** by E. Harney, seconded by M.C. Taylor and unanimously **Approved**.