

SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2021 9:00 AM (VIA ZOOM)

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

1. **Approve Agenda. So Moved** by T. Callahan, seconded by E. Harney and unanimously **Approved**.
2. **Approval of Minutes. A Motion to Table the Approval of all Minutes to the November 9, 2021 meeting** was made by T. Callahan, seconded by E. Harney and unanimously **Approved**.
T. Callahan noted a correction to be made on the Minutes of July 6, 2021, the address of the Stiles House, and sent to the Town Clerk, when approved.
3. Planning Discussion -- Workshop on Solar Installations
C. Mason talked about having a separate meeting for a workshop on solar installations. E. Harney mentioned having someone attend who is an expert on current solar installations. T. Callahan suggested having a team leader within the SHDC to organize the project. He will reach out to his contacts in the Litchfield Historic District for more information for the next meeting. He would like to have someone involved who is an expert with historic preservation experience, as well as having solar expertise. E. Harney will contact Rachel Carley for advice on who to contact also.
(There was a brief discussion on following up on the map work still needing to be finished.)
4. Second discussion on inclusion of this property in SHD – Dr. Henry M. Knight House at 67 Sharon Road in Lakeville.
C. Mason explained that the SHDC needs to approve the action of the State, with regard to placing this property on the National Register of Historic Places. A brief form letter of approval is needed. T. Callahan mentioned that he had spoken to Curtis Rand who had also received the request to approve the nomination and that he had done so. Heidi Hoeller, owner of the property, informed the SHDC that the State had approved the nomination of the property on September 18, 2021. Ms. Hoeller is now working with Jenny Scofield at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to provide additional details of the property and its history. She has also received the approval to fix the roof of the house. The SHDC will work on the process for adding the house to the SHD.
5. New Business – None

6. **Public Hearing** – COA Application #2021-010 / 264 Taconic Road (Old Stone House) / Stevenson (BarlisWedlick Architects LLC) / New proposed driveway and parking area / DOR: 08/30/2021. T. Callahan read the Legal Notice, as published in the Lakeville Journal. Christine Berdahl and Catherine Schoen, BarlisWedlick Architects, described the proposed mix of driveway materials. R. Highsmith asked about the type of existing stone of the retaining wall and whether the proposed structure would be more modern in detail. Ms. Berdahl answered that they are not sure what the existing stone is and yes, they are proposing a little more modern detail. R. Highsmith indicated that the images of the proposed materials were vague, without drawings, and asked if the application could be approved with stipulations. E. Harney agreed that the existing stone is unique and can't be matched, but questioned the proposed style. Ms. Berdahl replied that the stone-cutting would be more precise and similar to a historic stone wall construction. R. Highsmith described the existing retaining wall as more rustic and historic; newer stone walls can be built in this way also. Ms. Berdahl suggested that the lower parking court wall is more visible and could be matched a bit more to the existing stone wall. R. Highsmith indicated that it would be his preference to have the lower parking court wall match more closely with the existing fieldstone walls. T. Callahan suggested approving with the subjectivity of the materials being requested – a conditional approval, based on the public hearing information. There were no members of the public present to comment on this application.

Motion: To Approve this Application #2021-010, the Old Stone House, 264 Taconic Road, Salisbury, CT, stipulating a change in materials for the retaining walls at the auto court closest to the street (which is 26'x20') to match the existing retaining wall in type and character. The **Motion** was made by R. Highsmith, seconded by T. Callahan and unanimously **Approved**. The applicant will need to come back to the SHDC with the details requested, prior to the next meeting in November.

7. **Public Hearing** -- COA Application #2021-011 / 8 Main Street, Salisbury / Voldstad / Install new fence / DOR: 08/31 /2021. T. Callahan read the Legal Notice, as published in the Lakeville Journal. No members of the public were present for comment on this application. Kathy and Michael Voldstad described the proposed fence; there might be minor stylistic changes in the final design. T. Callahan asked if the height of the fence would be the same, as proposed; the answer was yes. **A Motion to Approve Application #2021-011 for a fence near the front entrance at 8 Main Street, Salisbury, CT,** was made by T. Callahan, seconded by R. Highsmith and unanimously **Approved**.

After the conclusion of the Public Hearings, the Commission briefly discussed agenda items for the next meeting including: Review and consideration of the Meeting Minutes still needing approval; review and approval of new materials submitted for the Old Stone House application; follow up on the maps and documentation; consideration of invitation to Heidi Hoeller to become a SHDC alternate member; possible consideration of other new alternate members.

8. **Adjournment. So Moved** by T. Callahan, seconded by R. Highsmith and unanimously **Approved**.