

Canaan Historic District Commission
Approved Minutes 12-19-2016, Canaan Senior Center
Present: J. Bergeron, S. Borthwick, T. Lemoi, S. Baldwin, M. Roy, K. Burnett

Subject: Jutila vinyl fence at 406 Canaan Street

7:15 Hearing opens

Application by the Jutilas for vinyl picket fence at 406 Canaan Street. The fence has already been installed, material is not on the approved list for fences in the historic district; application is after the fact.

Discussion followed about the materials used, the application process, the list of approved materials in the regulations, and recourse by the historic district commission for residents who disregard the historic district regulations.

7:40 Motion by M. Roy to accept the application

Second: T. Lemoi, 4 in favor, 2 opposed, Motion passed

Discussion after the vote to discuss updating and amending regulations to allow more synthetic materials in the historic district, vinyl fencing being one. It was noted that these materials are improving in appearance and durability and we should be allowing more of them to reflect current trends in building. (Many are already allowed.) At the next meeting, January 16, 2017, HDC members will bring suggestions for changes to the regulations. J. Bergeron will email regulations to all committee members in advance. Public hearing within the Historic District will be held following that meeting.

It was also suggested that HDC members urge realtors to inform new residents of regulations in the Historic District.

J. Bergeron also suggested we look at the application itself for some changes, including more room for narrative.

7:45: Minutes of meeting October 17, 2016 were read by J. Bergeron

Motion to approve: M. Roy, Second: S. Borthwick, In favor: All

7: 48: Minutes of meeting October 26, 2016 were read by J. Bergeron

Motion to approve: M. Roy, Second: T. Lemoi, In favor: All

7:50: Update on Verizon tower: Still know little about Verizon plans

7:52: Motion to adjourn: M. Roy, Second: S. Borthwick, In favor: All

Respectfully submitted,
K. Burnett