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Members present: Kit Wallace, (Chairman), Peter Palmer, Jim Clubb, Lindy Bowden Arnie Gottlieb and Ruth Tanenhaus (Alternate).

Minutes: R. Nawrath

Meeting started at 5:42 PM

Chair K. Wallace opened the meeting:

The only item on the agenda is the Gottlieb fence.

We were also asked questions by 2 other homeowners in the Historic District:

Greg Deluca of Three Pears Gallery regarding a sculpture.

Bob Miller of 330 Church Street (the house opposite the pond) who wants to paint his house and install shutters.

Application for a Split Rail Fence, Gottlieb Residence

3458 VT Route 30

Arnie Gottlieb as the Applicant spoke on the project.

- He is applying to put in 2 sections of a split rail fence with perennial gardens. Looking out from their house they see the neighbor's house, which has a similar fence.
- The fence will be on the property line between the 2 houses and will be minimally visible from Rt. 30 since it is perpendicular to the road.
- The fence will be 18' long, will match the existing wood fence of the neighbor's, and will have perennial plantings.

Discussion:

- This is an improvement.
For the record, A. Gottlieb recused himself from the decision.

P Palmer moved we approve the application for a split rail fence as presented.

J. Clubb 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Other Business:

1. The 3 Pears Gallery (Greg DeLuca) asked about putting a sculpture in front of their gallery on a temporary basis, from summer through foliage season.
 - The criteria don't cover sculpture per se so the gallery owner didn't file an application. No action is needed on the part of the DRB but we will convey to Greg that we appreciate him reaching out to us to check.
 - A safety concern was raised about how he is planning on stabilizing the sculpture. Kit will reach out to him to check. (Kit did this after the meeting – he is planning to secure the sculpture by hooped rebar that goes through holes of the flat base into the ground. All DRB members approved of this system.)

2. The library is putting in new windows and was asked what kind of windows they were considering. According to the criteria, if you replace “like with like” no DRB decision is needed. Peter went to rkMiles and looked at the windows the Library is considering and they do not meet the “like with like” criteria.
 - The windows that are proposed diminish the amount of exposed glass because they are frame in frame design.
 - If they are changing the types of windows, they need to put in an application.
3. There was discussion on the deteriorated signs that are in various spots around town that denote the Dorset Historic District. Jim Clubb had looked into this a year or so ago and is going to send to the Board the particulars of the replacement signs he found. Kit is also going to check with the Town Manager to see if the town will pay for the signs.
4. J. Clubb is going to do some maintenance work on his house this summer. All the work has been previously approved, but he stated that it will look like a fair amount of work is going on there. Don’t be surprised. He will resume work on the garage according to previously approved plans.
5. Bob Miller of 330 Church Street called Kit to ask if it was OK to paint his house white (yes) and to put up shutters. Kit had driven by the house and questioned whether shutters were appropriate given that many of the windows are located such that authentic shutters (sized to cover the window opening) are either impractical or simply not possible. The members of the DRB agreed to go look at the house and check back in with Kit. (This happened and all agreed that shutters were not appropriate for this house. Only 4 or 5 of the 14 visible windows would be able to have appropriately sized shutters, and that scatter shot look of some windows shuttered and some not would be inappropriate. Kit called Bob Miller after the meeting to convey that conclusion.)

A. Gottlieb moved to adjourn. P. Palmer 2nd.
Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kit Wallace, Chairman