



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

WESTPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING ACTION MINUTES January 24, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Randy Henkels
Vice chair Ed Gerber
Clerk Grayson Braun
Alternate Member Cheryl Bliss
Alternate Member Marilyn Harding
Alternate Member Judi Freedman

The Westport Historic District Commission (HDC) held a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 24, 2018**, in Town Hall Room 309/307 for the following purpose:

To take such action as the meeting may determine to discuss and vote on a resolution to approve a *Certificate of Appropriateness Application* dated November 28, 2017 for the proposed new construction, driveway, fencing and lighting fixtures at **20 Morningside Drive South located in the 20 and 26 Morningside Drive South Local Historic District**. The public hearing on this application was closed on January 9, 2018, and there will be no further public comment.

Upon motion by Clerk Grayson Braun and seconded by Chair Randy Henkels, the resolution of denial for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 20 Morningside Drive South was unanimously APPROVED.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 (Henkels, Gerber, Braun, Bliss and Harding)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 20 Morningside Drive South in the 20 and 26 Morningside Drive South Local Historic District is hereby denied for the following reasons, which constitute a collective statement of reasons by the Commission.

1. The District was created for the express purpose of maintaining the existing farmhouse and studio juxtaposed on either side of a pastoral meadow. The proposed house location would destroy that juxtaposition and would eliminate any meaningful views of the meadow and the studio from Morningside Drive South.
2. The applicant's decision to re-draw the lot lines severely affects and limits its ability to develop 20 Morningside Drive South in a way that maintains the integrity and purpose of the District.
3. The location and size of the proposed house are inappropriate for the District and inconsistent with the purpose and significance of the District.
4. The pastoral meadow would be destroyed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.