

**Suffield Historic Commission Minutes**  
**August 1, 2016 7:30pm**  
**Suffield Town Hall**

Commissioner Mayne called to order the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission at 7:30pm on August 1, 2016 at Suffield Town Hall, 83 Mountain Road.

The following persons were present:

Doug Mayne  
Cami Beiter\*  
Brendan Begley  
John Schwemmer  
Margery Warren  
William Moryto\*  
Lisa Sabbatino  
Scott MacClintic  
Diana Jordan - Clerk

It was noted by Commissioner Mayne that the agenda dated 08-01-2016 would be modified to add 227 North Main street; to be heard in this order:

Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness:

- a.) 217 S. Main Street; Proposed Shed at back of property, John Carson, Owner.
- b.) 185 N. Main Street; Proposed Renovation of Memorial Building; Suffield Academy, Owner.
- c.) 227 North Main Street; Proposed Dormitory and Barn Demolition; Suffield Academy, Owner.

With the above members attending, the commission noted that Commissioner Beiter and Moryto were assigned alternates for the meeting with all others designated "voting" members. (Doug: Not sure about Lisa)

Motion was made to add 227 North Main street by Brendon Begley and it was seconded by Commissioner Mayne.

The minutes from July 11, 2016 were approved by commission, and one change for 185 North Main Street is noted below.

The commission responded favorably to the drawings/renditions and provided feedback to which the applicant; Suffield Academy responded and agreed to attend the next meeting with new drawings.

### **217 North Main Street**

The owner of 217 North Main Street, John Carson and his builder approached the commission with a request to build a storage barn set back off the street with the back side being set up against an existing stockade fence. A rock base is to be constructed for the foundation.

The committee reviewed several aspects of the proposed barn. Materials were discussed; textured siding T111 or something else, shingled roof to match house; (currently a dark shingle) and how much and what type of trim. Matching Home Depot type vinyl windows six or six, double hung windows were agreed to.

Suggestions to use real barn board, rough cut lumber, LP Smart Board vertical siding with 8ft boards. Rake board to cover board at roofline. Will need flush" overhang on gable and no return, 6-9" overhang on sides and to overlap the board at joints.

Commissioner Mayne requested to see another drawing with some of the suggestions from commission. The details were in question and Commissioner Begley pointed out that the barn should be simplistic and reflective of the barns that were on the property 100 years ago. Commissioner MacClintic suggested a detailed narrative would be sufficient. Overall the commission like the material used in a "Klotter farm" type of shed, but the look should be one more rustic and simple.

Commissioner Schwemmer made a motion to approve the application and Commissioner Mayne seconded. The commission unanimously approved the application.

### **185 North Main Street, Renovation of Memorial Hall; Suffield Academy**

Patrick Booth, CFO of Suffield Academy presented new drawings for the Memorial building built in 1854.

All other trim was agreed to be wood at front of building, although a request to reconsider AZAK because of maintenance issues was raised and then retracted for sake of approving application.

Commissioner MacClintic noted the windows were more attractive and Commissioner Warren agreed that the town of Suffield was evolving and a more modern look as the tower renditions displayed were very attractive and were in line with that.

Commissioner Schwemmer suggested the windows could still be scaled down; that they were still too modern for the age of the building. Commissioner Begley and Warren disagreed. It was suggested by Commissioner Mayne that more than one drawing of alternative windows would have been helpful. Had he known, Mr. Booth would have tried to make them available.

Since the topic of AZAK was discussed extensively, it was suggested by Commissioner Begley; since it could set a precedence for its use; that both old and new profiles be presented when trim and casings and wood vs. AZAK are being considered.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacClintic to approve the application. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Commissioner Schwemmer and Mayne abstaining.

### **227 North Main Street, Proposed Dormitory and Barn Demolition; Suffield Academy**

Patrick Booth, Academy CFO presented updated plans based on the suggestions from the last HDC meeting. New drawings with all the changes were presented to the commission.

Drawings presented reflected the exact sizes and locations of the windows. The drawings were dated, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Suggestion was made to apply brick to exterior of exposed foundation walls on the North side of the barn. It was agreed to by Suffield academy and will be added to specifications.

Commissioner Schwemmer made a motion to approve the 227 North Main Street application inclusive of the new specification for exposed foundations walls of the north elevation of barn. Commissioner Begley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Motion made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm.