

**ENFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
Monday, August 17, 2020**

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**Call to order**

Chairman Tatoian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Richard Tatoian, Vice Chairman Raymond Gwozdz, Secretary Nancy Smyth, Commissioner Marie Troiano, Alternate Commissioner Lillian Troiano, and Alternate Commissioner Linda Fallon

Absent – Commissioner Colleen Reidy and Commissioner Jacob Nadeau.

Chairman Tatoian seated Commissioner Troiano as a voting member.

Also present from the town of Enfield, Savannah-Nicole Villalba, Assistant Town Planner.

**Approval of Minutes July 22, 2020**

Commissioner L. Troiano motioned to approve the minutes of July 22, 2020. Commissioner Smyth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Vote (5-0-0)**

**Reading of Legal Notice**

Clerk Smyth read the legal notice.

**Public Hearing(s)**

**HDC# 458** – 1436 Enfield Street – Amendment to HDC# 458 for the rear propane cage associated with Stevie’s Little Store; Ragnauth Property Management, owner/applicant; Map 18/Lot 46, HR-33 Zone.

Commissioner Troiano questioned if the 18 count cage was the one in the back of the building on the previous approved application.

Mr. Ragnauth stated the 18 count cage is the one in front of the store directly to the right.

Commissioner Smith asked if the cage in the back is an 18 count as well.

Mr. Ragnauth stated he believed it was.

Chairman Tatoian confirmed the issue with the first approved application is that the back cage was too close to the building. He questioned if the Planning and Zoning department would not approve it.

Mr. Ragnauth stated the Fire Marshall did not approve it. There is a window there and even though it is inoperable and cannot be opened he said it is still considered a building opening.

Chairman Tatoian questioned how the denial from the Fire Marshal was communicated to Mr. Ragnauth.

Mr. Ragnauth and Ms. Villalba stated the communication in an e-mail to Shayle Silva and the zoning enforcement officer.

Commissioner Troiano stated the site plan notes that the cages have to be a minimum 10 feet from the building and if you look at that site plan with cage in front, we lose that 10 feet distance.

Ms. Villalba stated the drawing isn't to scale and the cages have to be 10 feet away from the building whether in the front or back.

Shayle Silva joined the call stated he did not submit the new site plan to the Fire Marshall because they wanted to get approval from the Commission first. Everyone interprets the building codes differently. The code they read states the cages need to be five feet away from the building when there is not a filling station or the tanks are not filled on the property. The Fire Marshall stated it needs to be 10 feet away from a building opening when the building only has one form of egress. They aren't allowed to cover the inoperable window. The owner does not want the second cage in the middle of the grass, so they are proposing putting the cages back to back so it hides it. It does increase the depth, so they probably put a second barrier up.

Commissioner Gwozdz questioned if the second barrier would be on the front or side.

Mr. Silva stated the second barrier would be on the side. The code states the barriers can be three feet apart and one barrier may be enough since the cages are only two feet wide. They can also increase the size of the barriers.

Chairman Tatoian questioned if the proposed cages are 10 feet from the building.

Mr. Silva stated they don't need to be 10 feet from the building, the cages need to be 10 feet from a window or door. They are five feet.

Chairman Tatoian confirmed the new proposal would have the cages back to back against one another.

**Correspondence**

None

**Other Business**

None

**Enforcement**

**1120 Enfield Street** - A zoning enforcement office received noticed that 1120 Enfield Street had removed their front steps. They have attempted to make contact with the property owner on multiple occasions. A Historic District Application and contact information for the Department of Planning and Zoning was dropped off at the property on Thursday, June 30, 2020. They are working with the owner to come in for a hearing.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Smyth motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Troiano seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**Vote: (5-0-0)**

**Note:** Historic District Commission meeting will be held on September 23, 2020

By Richard Tatoian, Chairman

Questions on agenda may be directed to the Planning Office (860) 253-6355.

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*Richard M. Tatoian*  
*09/25/2020*