

Mansfield Historic District Commission

Minutes, Meeting January 11, 2011

Members Present: A. Bacon, I. Atwood, G. Bruhn, H. Holt, J. McGarrity, D. Spencer

Others Present: Dan Britton Sunlight Solar Energy, Luba Stepanenko, property owner, 981 Storrs Road

Public Hearing – Installation of Solar Panels at 981 Storrs Road, Spring Hill Historic District:

Dan Britton reviewed the plan to install 14 solar panels on the south side (parking lot) side of the building, which will be visible from the Rte. 195. The remaining panels will be installed on the rear of the building and will not be visible. The panels will be black and will be installed parallel to the roof, 4 inches off the roof. Dan showed photos of installations on other historic structures, including one in Wethersfield.

Committee members felt that the panels, given the shallow pitch of the roof will not be overly obtrusive and, following Section 7-147F of the State Statute for Historic Districts, should not be denied. The Committee noted that any future proposals should be reviewed individually in the context of the specific village. Approval of a certificate of appropriateness was unanimous.

Other Business:

Minutes from the December meeting were not received, and were therefore not approved. No other business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bruhn
Chairman