



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

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ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA
01907

MAY 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 7:32– 9:30 pm

Location: Swampscott Police Headquarters, 531 Humphrey St

Members Present: J. Jurma, R. Smith, B. Herter, B. Franklin

Members Absent: A. Steingiser, S. Belkin, S. Tong

J Jurma opened the meeting of the Historic District Commission at 7:32 pm, on May 9th, 2016.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

R Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes from 4/4/16. B Franklin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CERTIFICATES

15HDC-64 (121 Elmwood Rd) *Continued from 4/4*

- A Cheloff presented new materials to the Commission, including a precedent image of proposed fencing, a diagram showing it located between the proposed shed and Elmwood Rd, and description of an arbor over the proposed gate in the fence.
 - A Cheloff also mentioned that he would like the fence to be 6' in height

- A Cheloff mentioned that the ZBA is directing him to provide a site plan showing that the proposed shed complies with required setbacks
- R Smith recommended that A Cheloff contact a local fencing company to help design the proposed fence between the shed and Elmwood Rd. A Cheloff had not yet made contact with a fencing company.
- J Jurma requested that A Cheloff provide further information that illustrates all aspects of his proposal, to include
 - The site plan that ZBA is also requesting
 - An image or drawing of the arbor design, showing how it integrates with the proposed fence
 - Dimensions of the proposed shed, including the window head and sill heights, and roofline height
 - Description of the intended trees to be planted, and the location of these trees shown in the site plan
 - Contact a fencing company to provide drawings of the proposed fence, including heights and details of all component parts
- R Smith made a motion to continue this hearing. B Franklin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

16HDC-05 (127 Walker Rd) Continued from 4/4

- Applicants presented new elevation diagram and photos of deck design
- Due to a few gaps and ambiguities in the design documentation, J Jurma and the Commission worked with the Applicants to identify the missing pieces.
- R Smith made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for 16HDC-05, with the following conditions.
 - Replicate the lattice enclosure underneath the deck where repair needed, and at new sections
 - Railing profiles to be as illustrated by samples provided at 5.9.16 Hearing, except without ribbed edge pattern
 - Design to follow images presented on 5.9.16
 - Newel posts to align with structure and breaks in lattice below
 - Wood species selection per Applicant's choice (on a consultancy basis, the Commission suggested back-priming all wood if painted)
 - Photos and sketches locating newel posts to be provided as an addendum to the certificate.
- B Franklin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

16HDC-12 (Andrews Chapel - 400 Essex St)

- G Cresta presented new accessibility design for the ramp to the entrance of Andrews Chapel, designed by R Smith
- The Commission discussed the stonework for the new portion. G Cresta assured that the new stone will match the existing stone.
- B Herter made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for 16HDC-12. B Franklin seconded. The vote was unanimous. (R Smith abstained)

OTHER BUSINESS

Updates on Rockland Street

- R Smith noted that the Rockland St Study was completed, and that it was now in the State's hands. Also noted, developer George Wattendorf hopes to demolish the property at 57 Rockland St.
- 57 Rockland St to be discussed at next Town Meeting.

B Herter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. B Franklin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Ben Herter
Historic District Commission Secretary