

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – March 4, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM – 8:44 PM

Members Present: Ben Franklin, Richard Smith, Jer Jurma, Ingrid Strong, Andrew Steingiser

Members Absent: Sylvia Belkin

Location: Virtual Meeting - the public hearing was video recorded.

Agenda:

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- a. **21HDC-04 (14 Devens Rd)** – Request to replace current storm windows with new, Harvey wood and weather-resistant windows. (Parcel ID: 4-98).

MOTION: J. Jurma to continue petition to April meeting. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.

- b. **21HDC-07 (44 Grant Rd)** – Request to install cedar fence and gates at rear of house. (Parcel ID: 16-50). Tom Kershaw, applicant and homeowner, was present.

Mr. Kershaw presented his application before the Commission. Explained that part of the fence would be located at the front of the house, and the other part would be at the rear and therefore not visible from the public way.

Commission clarified that there would be no other additional design patterns on the gate, and it would otherwise be identical to the fence with the addition of the black hardware handle.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for application as submitted. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.

- c. **21HDC-08 (3 Sheridan Rd)** – Request to install cedar fence to wrap around front yard. (Parcel ID: 4-71). Marta & Eric Tabajonda, applicants and homeowners, were present.

Given that the house is on a corner lot, the Commission has allowed for change in height from front to back. J. Jurma suggested listing a height range as one of the conditions in order to give the petitioner some leeway.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for application with conditions listed below. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.

1. The cedar gate shall begin at the corner of the home
2. The structure shall stand between 42" and 60" tall
3. There shall be an allowance for the gate to be placed at the end of the fence, near the rear of the garage

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. There were no minutes for approval
- b. Candidates forum – There is one open spot on the Historic District Commission, and interested applicants were invited to attend tonight’s meeting. Present were Stacey Reiling and Stephen Iannaccone. The Commission explained to the candidates its purview, listed the four historic districts across Town, and gave a brief overview of how the HDC came to be established in 2014. Additionally, they described what some of the common petitions are that are brought before them, and explained what are some of the more difficult projects to approve, such as window replacements.