

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – April 5, 2021

Time: 7:32 PM – 9:16 PM

Members Present: Ben Franklin, Richard Smith, Jer Jurma, Ingrid Strong, Sylvia Belkin

Members Absent: Andrew Steingiser

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

Agenda:

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- a. **21HDC-11 (25 Outlook Rd)** – Request to install brand-new Velux roof window in third-floor attic space. (Parcel ID: 4-25). Edith Harmon Weiss, applicant and homeowner, was present.

Ms. Weiss presented her petition before the Commission, and stated that back in January, she had the exact same skylight approved by the Commission for the other room in the house. This new window would match.

Only comment from I Strong was to think about orientation of window, as south-facing window would cause some serious heat in the attic space.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: S. Belkin to approve petition as submitted. J. Jurma seconds; unanimously approved.

- b. **21HDC-04 (14 Devens Rd)** – Request to replace current storm windows with new, Harvey wood and weather-resistant windows. (Parcel ID: 4-98). Maura Sutherland, applicant and homeowner, was present.

M. Sutherland reappeared before Commission to present her case, stating that her main priority is functional use of both sets of windows – those on side adjacent to chimney and those on the front of the home facing the street. She has since submitted specs for Andersen A1 series windows that will be used for new construction.

Chairman Ben Franklin stated that the Commission would allow for the replacement of the two side windows adjacent to the chimney with the new construction windows. The front windows, however, are more difficult to determine. Whereas replacement windows have been previously allowed for windows along the same façade, these two front windows are on different facades.

J. Jurma prepared a motion that would allow for the new construction of the side windows, with the condition that the trim and exterior sills match the original on the house. He also left the option open for all four windows to be restored, so that they are able to match within the room.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions:

1. Replacement for two windows adjacent to chimney with new construction Andersen A1 Series windows (specific specs provided by homeowner), and exterior trim and sill to match existing

OR

2. Full restoration of all 4 windows

R. Smith seconds; unanimously approved.

- c. **21HDC-12 (65 Andrew Rd)** – Request to repair exterior front porch, including installation of new footings, columns, and lattice. (Parcel ID: 5-116) Applicant and contractor, Carlo Caponigro, was present.

The Commission had no comment regarding the columns, acknowledged that Mr. Caponigro selected appropriate replacements.

The Commission discussed the lattice and set forth some conditions for Mr. Caponigro.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions:

- Permacast columns are approved as submitted
- Lattice to be wood with either diagonal or square formation
- Lattice to be built, cross-hatch with dimension form
- Horizontal trim for lattice to be 1x4 or 1x3
- There is to be a horizontal trim at bottom of lattice
- Verticals and horizontals of lattice may be composite material

I. Strong seconds motion; unanimously approved.

- d. **21HDC-13 (115 Elmwood Rd)** – Request to remove and install new side, handicapped-accessible door. (Parcel ID: 2-4). Applicant and contractor, Carlo Caponigro, was present.

Mr. Caponigro stated that the door is a six-panel, fiberglass, insulated door unit. It is exactly the same as that which was installed by him twenty years ago.

J. Jurma stated that there is no historical significance to the door.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted. S. Belkin seconds; unanimously approved.

- e. **21HDC-16 (148 Elmwood Rd)** – Request to install new, craftsman-style garage doors to allow for usage of space as home art studio. (Parcel ID: 4-58A). Applicant and homeowner, Beth Balliro, was present.

Ms. Balliro presented her petition before the Commission. Much of the specs and design were predetermined following a site visit by Commissioner J. Jurma.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: R. Smith to approve Certificate of Appropriateness with following conditions:

- Doors are to be Therma-Tru “Classic Craft” with 6 lights and 2 panels per door
- Doors are to be fiberglass with simulated divided lights and aluminum spacers
- Doors are to have canvas finish
- There will be a single handle on the leftmost door
- Top trim on doors to be approximately 4 inches

- Side trim on doors to be approximately 6 inches

J. Jurma seconds motion; unanimously approved.

- f. 21HDC-17 (60 Walker Rd)** – Request to remove and install eight new, second-floor windows that had been installed by previous owners. New windows will match existing windows on first floor. Applicant and homeowner, Samuel Gosselin. (Parcel ID: 4-21)

MOTION: J. Jurma to continue to May 3, 2021. S. Belkin seconds; unanimously approved.

- g. 21HDC-18 (137 Elmwood Rd)** – Request to replace and relocate windows on left/rear portion of the home. (Parcel ID: 2-9). Applicant & homeowner, Ben Franklin.

MOTION: J. Jurma to continue to April 14, 2021. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.