

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – June 7, 2021

Time: 7:33PM – 10:10PM

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Marissa Meaney (Land Use Coordinator)

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

Agenda:

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- a. **21HDC-33 (18 Walker Rd)** – by Deb Fox. Request to replace aluminum gutters with wood gutters and replace aluminum downspouts with copper downspouts. (Parcel ID: 4-35)

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

- b. **21HDC-31 (57 Monument Ave)** – by Jon Grabowski. Request to install cedar fence behind driveway and along other side of property from back of property to back right side of house. (Parcel ID: 4-43 & 4-44)

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

- That the full lattice panel on northern side of property be replaced with solid panel with lattice topper
- At the discretion of homeowner, lattice work to be either horizontal and vertical or diagonal

J. Jurma seconds motion; unanimously approved.

- c. **21HDC-30 (31 Mountwood Rd)** – by Sandra Pupelis. Request to install black aluminum fence with double gates at east side of house. (Parcel ID: 15-23)

M. Meaney briefed Commission on issue with mailed notices, as a few neighbors had told Town Hall staff that they did not receive proper notification.

J. Jurma explained to Ms. Pupelis that because the Commission is now aware of what happened, it would be improper for them to move forward with the hearing. He suggested that Ms. Pupelis reappear before Commission at special meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th.

MOTION: R. Smith to continue petition to June 17. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.

- d. **21HDC-25 (156 Elmwood Rd)** – by Joshua Shepherd and Shayne Spaulding. Request to renovate front porch and rebuild second-floor balcony on side of house. (Parcel ID: 4-59)

J. Jurma updated Commission on site visit that he had with homeowners, and provided some updated sketches of the proposed renovations.

The Commission discussed the following conditions for the project:

- The removal of existing enclosure and rebuilding of porch floor deck and stair structure shall match historic style shown in historic photos. If non-original roof sections cannot be utilized, they may be removed to match historic layout. If newer roofs are able to be saved, move front face back to allow original portico to stand forward by approximately 4 to 6 inches (slightly more than depth of gutter), dependent on discovery (see sketch note A on front elevation sketch)
- Rails to be as illustrated in front elevation sketches, or to match historic photos attached to initial proposal. Scuppers and rail dimensions to match original photos, and flared drop course at base of shingling to add shadow line at connection to stone foundation. If open rails are utilized on sections of front façade, the deck would be exposed and fascia board would be inserted with adequate shadow line above stone. Solid rails may be built at historic height with planter boxes added to meet building code. Open rail height to meet building code. Baluster spacing to be 1 to 1 or 1 to 1.5"
- Structural beam to be added on front, and side of roof structure to be encased as an entablature and provide necessary support and historic porch roof proportion. Entablature vertical dimension to be based on structural member needed, and to be approximately 3" shorter than the reconstructed entablatures being restored to the original portico. The entablature on the newer roof sections should be set back at 3" to 6" from the face of the portico entablature to create a historic shadow line.
- Gutters to return onto the sides of the porch to add dimensional detail/shadow and to direct downspouts into existing downspouts for the main roof of the house and may match existing gutters on the house
- Sided plinths to be added under new corner columns and under pilasters added at each end of porch (see scarring on portico pilasters for reference)
- Materials can be wood or fiber cement siding products matching existing dimension and profiles
- Second floor porch to be added in as drawn in attached detail sketch. Rail to clear existing window. Rail dimensions to match open rail details on front porch.

MOTION: S. Belkin to approve Certificate of Appropriateness with the aforementioned conditions, and with newly-revised sketches that will replace those existing. J. Jurma seconds; unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve minutes April 14 minutes as edited. R. Smith seconds; unanimously approved.

MOTION: A. Steingiser to approve May 3 minutes. J. Jurma seconds; unanimously approved.