

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – September 8, 2022

Time: 7:34PM – 9:19PM

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

Members Absent: Andrew Steingiser

Staff Present: Marissa Meaney (Land Use Coordinator), Pete Kane (Director of Human Resources)

Location: VIRTUAL via Zoom

Agenda:

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- a. **22HDC-29 (15 Sheridan Rd)** – by Andrea & Tivan Armour. Request to repair rotted front porch wood steps with composite decking. (Map 4, Lot 6)

Andrea and Tivan were present along with their contractor. Explained that they would like to use composite decking as it is more weather-resistant than traditional wood. They would like to leave the railing as is, but replace the steps and treads with a white and grey composite material.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission determined that the treads could be replaced with a composite material, but the steps themselves would have to remain wood.

MOTION: J. Jurma to issue to Certificate of Appropriateness with condition that treads may be composite, but steps are to remain wood. S. Belkin seconds; unanimously approved.

- b. **22HDC-30 (156 Elmwood Rd)** – by Josh Shepherd. Request to install pendant from beadboard wall in portico and add wall sconces on outer edge of front wall. (Map 4, Lot 59)

MOTION: J. Jurma to issue COA for application as submitted. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.

- c. **22HDC-31 (68 Walker Rd)** – by Chris Mancini. Request to install 33 replacement vinyl windows. (Map 15, Lot 41)

Mr. Mancini was present along with representative Mitchell Mangahas from Power Home Remodeling.

Mr. Mangahas explained that he knew in advance that the windows were original to the structure and therefore would likely be denied a replacement. He unsuccessfully attempted to schedule a pre-application site visit with a couple of members of the Commission, so he submitted an application as a follow-up.

The Commission did confirm that the windows are original to the structure, and were determined to be beyond reasonable repair. The Commission recommended companies that specialize in window restoration.

MOTION: B. Franklin to deny Certificate of Appropriateness as windows were original and not beyond reasonable repair. R. Smith seconds; unanimously approved.

- d. **22HDC-33 (94 Elmwood Rd)** – by Catherine Wilson. Request to add detail to rake board on garage so it will match house. (Map 4, Lot 40)

C. Wilson was present to present application. Explained that she had been working on project with help of Jer.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve application for COA as submitted. B. Franklin seconds; unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of past meeting minutes – deferred to October