

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – November 1, 2021

Time: 7:30PM – 10:12PM

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

Members Absent: Sylvia Belkin

Others Present: Marissa Meaney (Land Use Coordinator)

Location: VIRTUAL via Zoom

Agenda:

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- a. **21HDC-52 (36 Ellis Rd)** – by Yakov Popovskiy. Request to repair front porch, including replacement of windows, siding, roof shingles, and internal walls. (Parcel ID: 5-226)

Yakov supplied three drawings that were drafted following site visit with Jer and Sylvia. Of the drawings, Mr. Popovskiy's preferred example was that which showed the enclosed porch.

J. Jurma and B. Franklin agreed that there is not enough detail in any of the drawings to provide an approval tonight, and suggested that Mr. Popovskiy work with an architect in order to come up with more detailed designs.

MOTION: J. Jurma to continue to December meeting. R. Smith seconds; unanimously approved.

- b. **21HDC-55 (56 Elmwood Rd)** - by Felix Lostracco. Request to replace three windows located on second floor of home. (Parcel ID: 1-89)

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve application with the conditions that there be no change to the exterior trim, and that the windows be frosted to match existing. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.

- c. **21HDC-59 (169 Walker Rd)** – by Edward Fabian. Request to replace non-original windows on second-story of home. (Parcel ID: 15-19)

It was determined by the Commission that some of the windows that were shown in Mr. Fabian's photos were, in fact, original to the structure. Mr. Fabian described the condition of the windows, but the Commission agreed that they were not beyond reasonable repair, and therefore instructed Mr. Fabian to seek out window restoration companies.

The petition was subsequently withdrawn without prejudice by the applicant.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion: Front porch construction at 42 Devens Rd – Resident Philip Strumine was present before the Commission to discuss proposed construction of a front porch on his property. He spoke with the Commission to engage their initial thoughts and ideas about the design and materials that they would prefer and/or encourage for this particular project. Mr. Strumine is expecting to submit his application for the December meeting.

Historical Commission Signage - The Historical Commission will come forward with an application next month to install historical signage across Town.

Jersey Barriers at Humphrey & Burrill – They are there to prevent cars from making such wide turns that pose traffic safety to pedestrians along that crosswalk, particularly students attending Hadley School. Commission is wondering if there is a more aesthetic alternative to painted jersey barriers.