

Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 126
Meeting Minutes, 26 September 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM. Attending: David Honn (DH), Anita Rogers (AR), Ron Regan (RR) and Fran Arsenault (FA). Chingsung Chang (CC), Selectmen Representative), and David Shoemaker (DS) absent.

7:32 pm **Citizen's questions** - none

7:33 Accept minutes for September 12th approved unanimously.

7:34 Project spreadsheet review, 82 River St. needs to be voted/extended tonight as the 60 day limit is up before the next meeting.

7:35 **Chair Update** – To see 3 and 43 School street we need to schedule with Mark Hald for time from Monday to Friday. At 43 want to review chimneys and windows for condition.

7:45 **25/27 School St.** – No Application (In accordance with HDC Chapter P all discussions are considered non-binding until an application has been submitted)– David (DV) and Laura Veo (LV).
DH discussed reviewing with the town the existing building issues caused by the previous owner doing work without a permit. DV is having trouble connecting with Dan Porazzo about combining with his land. DH would like it if the blue building at the back of the site could be moved to the town property at 53 River St. DV wants to move the building off site. DH said the building can't be moved to town property unless it is approved at a town meeting, DV thought that would take too long and suggested moving the building to his own property across town. DH and AR discussed an engineer used for the West Action Village project to evaluate the state of the structure for a move. DV would be comfortable using an engineer suggested by the HDC. LV asked why the primary structure (25 school street) couldn't be demolished and replicated at a new location on the site. DH discussed preservation as a tenet of the HDC purview vs. reproduction as a "higher form" of historic preservation. DV said elevating and moving the existing main building for better parking will be fine. DV wanted some guidance on what the HDC is looking for from a design point of view as he would like to minimize architectural cycles. DH said the original concept scaled back a bit, particularly with the roof dormers dominating the roof line. DH asked about any wetland issues, DV said that Tom Tidman reviewed the site and there are no issues. DH will track down the engineer used for West Acton and supply contact info

to DV for reviewing both buildings structurally. DH offered having a preliminary application for doing a partial demolition of the site, to remove the trailer and garage buildings to get a better feel for the site. AR described the public hearing processes and said October 24th is the earliest date to meet the notification requirements. AR and LV were going to connect to settle the details.

9:00 **82 River St** – Application 1724 – Marcos de Souza not present. DH recused. AR made a determination that due to lack of building elevation drawings and the 60 day limit due before our next meeting, that the commission must deny the application.

9:05 Meeting adjourned.