

Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 126
Meeting Minutes, 13 February 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. Attending: David Honn (DH), Anita Rogers (AR), Ron Regan (RR), Fran Arsenault (FA) and Maria Crowley (MC). Chingsung Chang (CC), Selectmen Representative), and David Shoemaker (DS) absent.

7:30 pm **Citizen's questions** – Bryan Mulligan of Studio47 Architects is working on plans for an addition for 59/61 Windsor Ave. There is an immediate need to extend a dormer for stairs to a bedroom that doesn't have enough headroom. The plans also include dormers on the back of the roof. DH said the plans seem reasonable and asked the architect to submit an application and plan for an appointment at the next meeting.

7:35 Minutes for January 9th approved unanimously.

7:37 Project spreadsheet review, DH got an email and some paperwork about a temporary sign for a theater group at the Baptist Church. AR made a motion for the temporary sign, RR seconded, motion approved. 487 Main St COA is complete, 96 Main St CNA is complete. 282 Central St sign is complete. RR asked about the directory signs, FA will check back with the applicant. 43/45 School St Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for an appointment on 2/27, we will have a public hearing.

7:45 **530 Mass Ave (Gardner Field)** – Application 1803 – Robert Hummel present.
Robert presented details on the bike share program. This is a 2 year pilot program funded by sponsors and the town. Zagster is the company that will install the station and provide the service. West Acton was one of the preferred locations based on a survey, Zagster also likes the location. The station will hold 10 bikes. The station will be placed on a concrete slab. RR asked if the station is moveable, Robert said no it is set in the concrete. DH asked if instead of a concrete slab concrete pavers could be used, like village works across the street. Robert will ask Zagster. DH suggested that Mathias Rosenfeld may be willing to donate for the pavers. DH asked for questions and comments from the public. David Martin of 71 High St likes the idea of the bike share and it could be useful for people to get to the train station. Miriam Lezak also of 71 High St. asked if the bikes will be

rebalanced between the stations. Robert said yes, a local company “Pedal Power” will be contracted to maintain the bikes. AR makes a motion to approve a bike station at 530 Mass Ave (Gardener Park) that hold 10 bikes, per the attached (to application) documentation. HDC recommends that the pad be made of concrete pavers similar to those used at the West Acton Village Works. Approval pending abutters notices. RR seconded, approved unanimous.

8:00 **284 Arlington St** – Application 1732 Stephen Hardy present.
DH reads the public notice from the Beacon newspaper to start the hearing. RR gave a copy of the plans to MC to review. DH - the cupola is out, the stone veneer foundation in? SH – yes. DH – what about the vent on the gable end? SH – gone. SH showed a photo of a similar barn by the same company to MC. DH – let’s go around the room for comments. FA – no concerns, I think it looks great. RR – no concerns, I can’t wait to see it built. DH – no concerns; AR – no concerns; MC – no concerns, beautiful. FA makes a motion – carriage house/barn at 284 Arlington St. 23’ tall, overhead doors, post and beam construction; goose-neck lamps over doors; vertical wood siding; single glazed wood windows, lights vary by location, see drawings; flat casings around doors and windows; roof will have asphalt low profile architectural shingles, if there is a ridge vent it will run end to end, if a metal drip edge is used the color will match the trim. The concrete foundation will be covered with stone veneer. There will be no non-operable/simulated hardware on garage doors. DH seconds, vote unanimous.

Donald Smith of 278 School St. attended public hearing and asked about adding doors to his barn.

8:35 **Property Owner Letter** – Members reviewed the document and came up with some edits that DH will make before it is sent out.

9:05 Chair update – **3-27 School St.** We haven’t heard from the Veos, and no application has been filed. Dan Parazzo put his property on sale. SAV parking – 2 properties have had illegal parking; the town has charged both with zoning violations. DH has noticed that 124 Main St doesn’t have cars currently parking. 53 River St now has a committee headed up by Peter Berry to decide what to do with the property via the “53 River Street Master Planning Committee”. DH is planning to attend the first meeting

on February 28th to make sure the committee is aware the property is in a historic district. DH would like an HDC member to attend meetings to monitor for HDC interests.

9:28 Meeting adjourned.