

Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 121
Meeting Minutes, 14 June 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM. Attending: Anita Rogers (AR), Fran Arsenault (FA), Ron Regan (RR), David Honn (DH); not present David Shoemaker (DS)

7:30 PM Citizens Questions: Larry Li from 15 Newtown Rd. is having issues with water in his basement wants to have gutters installed. FA assigned as liaison to help Larry through the application process.

7:45 Move to approve May 24th Minutes; accepted unanimously.

7:47 Review project spreadsheet.

7:48 6 Newtown Road – Application # 1616 Request for a 3-tab shingle replacement will be a CNA

7:52 20 River Street – Application # 1617 Homeowner, Gail Mooney. Application to replace worn roof shingles. Requesting that 3-tab be changed to architectural shingles. June 28th agenda. Anita will send hearing waiver notices

7:55 69 River St – Robert Wilson – Application 1614 – Screen porch. Suggestion to change the roof detail to a vertical fascia; not using metal railing – should use wood, balusters centered between top cap and bottom sub-rail. AR this may be a good project for alternate materials, RR to send information about INTEX railing system; need detail information for clapboard behind the fireplace. Because of the height of the deck using lattice to enclose the underneath area of the deck is probably worse than leaving it open.

8:34 104 Main St – Sue Logan – Application not filed yet – repairs and remodeling. Replace roof with 3-tab, we would approve low profile architectural shingles. Repair siding and trim as needed. Extend dormer on left side to full length of the house. Not sure if the structure will support this, the contractor is going to open up the ceiling or roof to examine the structure. Replace 4 windows with wood simulated divided lite 6 over 6 to match existing which are Jeldwen W 2500. Sue asked about using Azek for siding and trim repair, DH said there are some places

around the garage where it would make sense, in general we prefer it not to be used where visible from the street. Sue asked for suggestions for lighting in the front. DH – shielded down fixture, AR – a barn fixture? FA found a “Jelly Jar” with cage online.

Sue wants to remove the small chimney as it isn’t used and runs through the middle of the master bedroom. She will remove and then build a faux chimney that doesn’t go through the house. Discussion about the front “porch”, open it up, not sure what to do with the existing posts that are doubled up.

- 9:15 The Funky Trunk 12 Spruce St. – Erin Mayer – Application 1613 – Erin has a home made sign that she would like to use. Image was attached to the application. The sign is 9 feet long by 19 inches high at the highest point. The sign consists of a planed log section and a motley crew of letters in different sizes, fonts and colors, and a sheet-metal heart with the word “the” attached. Comments: RR – The sign is whimsical and fun; FA – Agrees the sign is fun; AR – Agrees with whimsical; DH – agrees with all comments. DH – Will the color of the building be an issue with the color of the sign? The building has been painted a different color since the photo of the building was taken. It is now grey. DH – I think the sign should be mounted with an inch or so gap off the building. Both DH/AR – The metal heart would look better if mounted on the back side of the log section.

AR makes a motion to approve the already constructed sign to mount above the door at 12 Spruce St. The sign is 19 inches high by 9 feet long and the building is 51’-2” wide. It is required that the sign be mounted with stand offs about one inch off the building. It is required that the sheet-metal heart be mounted to the back of the log section. Pending receipt of abutters notices. DH seconded, approved unanimously.

- 9:41 West Acton Citizens’ Library 21 Windsor Ave – Jennifer Friedman – Application 1516 – RR recused. The landscaping of the library has been damaged by plows using the driveway adjacent to the property. A guard rail was added to one side of the property and now they want to add the same style wooden guard rail to the other side of the property. A vote could not be taken due to not enough members for a quorum.

- 9:50 CPC update. DH discussed visit to Somerville HDC.

10:05 Move to adjourn; seconded and voted unanimously