

Historic District Commission Meeting
June 21, 2012

Present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Kevin Crowley, Chris Hagger, George Ives, Meaghan Winokur

Others present: Sarki Sarkisian, Sherman and Pei Lin

Public Comment – there was none.

Hearing – sidewalk on west side of Old Sudbury Road. Sarki Sarkisian spoke of the plan to install a concrete sidewalk with a brick border on the west side of Old Sudbury Road from the Wayland Depot to the stone pillars on the edge of the Wayland Commons property. The sidewalk pattern will be the same as elsewhere in the HD except that the brick could be a slightly different color. The culvert under Old Sudbury Road has collapsed and it has submerged 18 inches into the ground. This has an effect on wetland issues. Sarki is proposing that the culvert be replaced with two 24-inch pipes under the road. A granite cap will be used on the top of the headwall. Beyond the HD there are wetlands and there will not be room for the brick edge; however, there will be concrete sidewalk and granite edging. The total cost for the sidewalk and new culvert is \$148,550. Sarki has applied for a grant from the State, for help with these costs. However, if the grant is not accepted by state; he is hopeful that the town will do the culvert work and the \$85,000 (\$75,000 from Wayland Commons and \$10,000 from Twenty Wayland) will be used for a sidewalk. Sarki admitted that there are many conservation questions; and next month he will be meeting with Conservation Commission.

The HDC was asked to approve the sidewalk granite over culvert as well as the sidewalk construction within the HD as per plans of Tighe & Bond dated 5/30/12 (culvert and head wall) and 6/21/12 (sidewalk). It was also pointed out that the mailboxes along the west side of Old Sudbury Road will need to be re-located. **George moved that the HD issue a Certificate of Appropriateness as described in the application with the proviso that the final decision on color of the brick (trim along the sidewalk) will be determined by two members of HD and that the existing granite will be used on the headwall of the culvert. Meaghan seconded. This received a unanimous, favorable vote (6-0-0).** (Gretchen and Meaghan will meet this Monday to determine the brick color.)

Kathy Horan sent an e-mail to Gretchen, asking if all items were complete at the 126/27 intersection so that the granite posts (on the east side of Cochituate Road between the Grout Heard House Museum and Millbrook Road) could be uncovered. After a brief discussion of other work to be done in the Town Center,

including the moving of utility poles and more, there was a consensus on the HDC to leave wrappings on the granite posts until all the roadwork in the Town Center is complete.

Chris Hagger reported that the construction crew dug a hole about 3 feet deep around a telephone pole near the Public Safety Building. The pole started to lean (toward the PSB) and pulled the wires off Chris Hagger's home. Chris phoned NStar and they added additional line to his home, but left the pole leaning. The next day the same thing happened as the pole continued to lean in a northerly direction. A few days later NStar came back to address the leaning pole while again remounting the wires on the Hagger's property. Chris also reported that the bricks that had been used along the sidewalk in front of his home and the First Parish were tossed into a large pile and now some are broken and chipped. Gretchen pointed out that the brick pavers are only about 8 years old, and the chipped or broken pavers should be replaced.

Hearing for picnic bench at Public Safety Building. There was a consensus on the HDC to grant a certificate of non-applicability for the wooden picnic bench.

Meaghan and Desmond were up for HDC re-appointment this June – and the Board of Selectmen appointed them for another 3 years.

Freight House paint/stain sample. Margery reported that there were samples of the yellow and red paint/stain samples on the east side of the Freight House. (There were samples of one coat of stain on new wood; 2 coats of stain on old wood; tsp used on old wood, paint used on new wood. Photos had been taken and were circulated around the table.) There was a discussion of paint versus stain and the consensus on HDC appeared to favor two coats of stain. On Monday Gretchen and Meaghan will meet with John Moynihan and painting contractor to make the final decision for the Freight House.

The next HD meeting is July 19th – but will be cancelled if there are no applications.

Minutes of May 17, 2012 were approved. (5-1-0 with Meaghan abstaining because she was not present at that meeting.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston