

Historic District Commission Meeting
August 16, 2012
APPROVED September 20, 2012

Present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), George Ives, Kathie Steinberg, Meaghan Winokur.

Others present: Rick Conard, Brooklyn Lowry, from the Patch, John Moynihan (8:30pm).

Public Comment – there was none.

Minutes The minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting were approved as amended by a vote of 4-0-0. Minutes for June 21, 2012 were not reviewed.

Town Green Design – for new town center. Commission members reviewed boards of the draft conceptual design (dated August 14, 2012) and Gretchen reported on last meeting of Town Green Committee, which she had attended Thursday AM. HDC members commented favorably about the concept of a green with a lawn flanked by two low hills. Gretchen expressed concern that the hills not be interpreted as historic precedent as it was farm land; however, Rick Conard noted that there was a substantial hill behind the Braman house, which was part of the property on which Raytheon was constructed in the 1950s. All buildings including the large Braman House and the hill were razed at that time.

Kathie Steinberg expressed concern about connections – the way in which all parts of this Town Green, municipal pad, town center development, historic district, rail trail and existing Route 20 businesses (such as Russell's) will be integrated so that it is cohesive – a piece of a larger plan with consistency in such things as sidewalks etc. Rhetorically she asked who was responsible for implementing the overall vision since there were many different committees/commissions/boards involved with making decisions.

WHDC Sponsorship of Wayland Historical Society Program . The Wayland Historical Society has asked Gretchen to do a walking tour of the town center on September 30, 2012 and has also asked that the WHDC co-sponsor with the Society. Commission members voted 4-0-0 to co-sponsor the walking tour program.

Freight House gutters and downspouts. Rick and Gretchen stated that John Moynihan had been in touch about gutters and downspouts on the Freight House. The old gutters (gray in color) were removed from the building for the painting and

downspouts had disappeared long ago; however Rick showed photographs of downspouts on each end of the gutters that ran along the long (north and south) sides. The aluminum gutter system selected is Classic gutter- K-Style in red by Englert. Rick and Gretchen looked at color card against the building and while the gutter color is a darker red they both agreed that it was the best match of the many colors to make the gutters as unobtrusive as possible. Members agreed. Later in the meeting John Moynihan stopped in and was thanked for the work on the Freight House. *(Point of Clarification: Paint rather than stain was used on Freight House due to appearance of large samples on building and durability following a torrential rain storm. Commission asked to have this note added because former minutes said that Commission recommended stain but yielded to Rick and Gretchen for on-site decisions.)*

The next HDC meeting is September 20th .

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Schuler