

Historic District Commission Meeting
June 6, 2013

Present: Gretchen Schuler (chair), Margery Baston, Kevin Crowley, Chris Hagger, George Ives, Desmond McAuley, Kathie Steinberg, Meaghan Winokur

Others: Alex and Kate Finlayson, Frank Gorke

Public Comment. There was none.

Minutes of May 16, 2013 Meeting. The minutes were accepted as written. (4-0-3)

7:45 pm public hearing continued – Mabel and Ernest Draper House – 30 Old Sudbury Road.
a) three new third-story windows – one in each gable peak.

Alex expressed gratitude for the guidance given by Desmond at the last HDC hearing on sizing the third story windows. Alex and Kate had illustrations to share with the HDC showing different sizing options for each of the peaked windows. (Originally they had thought one size would be suitable for all third floor windows – however, each peak is different from the others.) Each window has 6 panes over 2 panes, as exists in rest of the house. (Desmond recommended that we group the illustrated elevations with the options.) There was a brief discussion about the peak window on the west side because the two options were quite similar. However, Alex and Kate agreed with Desmond's preference for the smaller of the two window options. The final proposal for the window sizing was: front or south elevation 28 x 37 inches; east elevation 22 x 41 inches; west elevation 26 x 49 inches. George made the motion that the HDC accept the final proposal for the third story windows on the east, west and south sides as illustrated. This motion received a unanimous, favorable vote. (7-0-0) The hearing was closed at 8:10 pm. (Kathie Steinberg, Alternate Member, voted because she had participated in the first part of the hearing in May and Meaghan Winokur did not vote since she had not participated in the first hearing. This was necessary to have a maximum of seven members voting.)

8:00 pm public hearing – 9 Bow Road, new gutter across façade; repair work at entry. Frank Gorke was present to describe the proposed gutter. It would be full-round mounted with pin-offs (rather than strapping); and it would be metal in a white color with a matt finish. (A wood gutter would have required more space and would have required changes to the front exterior of house. Also, in this situation a wood gutter is not believed to have functioned as effectively as the proposed metal gutter.) The metal gutter will come in 20 foot sections; and simple brackets will be used. George made the motion that the HDC accept the proposed gutters and round downspouts with associated repair work on the facade. The motion received a unanimous, favorable vote. (7-0-0) All permanent members voted.

Frank spoke next about larger projects he had in mind for his house. There has been water damage to front door; even the kick-plate needs repair. Currently the front door and threshold are metal, but Frank would like to put in a wood door and wood threshold. He also would

like to have 4 lights at the top of the door (to reflect 4 top panes in each of the front windows). There was general agreement that a wood door with lights could be appropriate for a 1950s Cape. Desmond recommended that Frank look into front doors that appeared on the Royal Barry Wills houses built in the 1950s. Gretchen informed Frank that our next HDC meeting is scheduled for July 18th.

Louvered doors for boiler room addition at the Public Safety Building. The need for an HDC public hearing was waived because it was a diminimus change. George moved that the HDC approve louvers on the PSB boiler room door; and this received a positive vote (with Kathie not voting). (7-0-0)

Excavating at the PSB (close to the boiler room addition) will be necessary because a sleeve for the grinder pump (for the sewer) is leaking. The grinder pump is located below-grade on the grass which is to the left of the Millbrook Road entrance to the PSB.

Paving in Wayland Center will start tonight and run from 8:30 pm to 5 am. Weather permitting the same schedule will be followed tomorrow night.

Louvered traffic lights, and light pollution behind Stop & Shop. Gretchen has not written to Selectmen and others about the need for a louvered green traffic light at the intersection of 27/126 in the HD or light pollution behind Stop & Shop; but she will be doing so shortly.

Permitting Process. George spoke about some of the hurdles required by the town of the First Parish Church after they had completed their hearings with the HDC. The HDC had a joint meeting with Design Review Board when meeting with First Parish. However, First Parish representatives also had to meet with the Fire Chief and Police Chief and the Planning Board, all parts of the permitting process of which they were not aware when inquiring during the design phase. There is little communication between the boards that would help applicants in the permitting process. Gretchen may speak to new building inspector to see how a smoother process can be facilitated.

HDC members up for re-appointment. There are 4 members of the HDC whose terms come up this month: Kathie, Margery, Kevin and Chris. When asked, all expressed an interest in being re-appointed. Gretchen explained that there is also a place for one other alternate who may at times be needed. A certificate requires 4 favorable votes; (and quorum is also 4 members), thus it is better for the Commission and the applicant to have more than a quorum at all meetings.

The next meeting will be on July 18th. There will not be a meeting on June 20th.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston