

Historic District Commission Meeting
July 18, 2013

Present: Gretchen Schuler (chair), Margery Baston, Kevin Crowley, Meaghan Winokur

Others: Jean Milburn, Penny Wilson, Frank Gorke

Public Comment. There was none.

Minutes of June 6, 2013 HDC Meeting were accepted as written. (4-0-0)

Public Hearing for 9 Bow Road – New front door, casing, threshold, new storm/screen door. Frank Gorke explained that there had been water damage behind the front door and that water was continuing to come in. He said there was a need for a new wood threshold, and that at this time he would also like to replace the metal front door with a single or double-paneled wood front door (made by Simpson) with six glass panes at the top. This new door would be painted black. He also hoped to purchase a wood storm door that would provide much light; and the wood on the storm door would also be painted black. There was discussion of the two-panel versus the one-panel door. Kevin made the point that with a door painted black behind the storm door it would be difficult to tell from the street whether the door had two panels or one. The Commission was willing to accept either door. Kevin also pointed out that National Lumber, out of Newton, carries Simpson doors. Margery made the motion that the application be accepted as proposed. There was a unanimous favorable vote (4-0-0).

First Parish Church – discussion of future work. Jean Millburn explained that the First Parish building was in need of significant restoration. She had received estimates from preservation contractors and some of the costs were more than the membership alone could pay for. Jean distributed a memo and a list of items and their costs. The cost of repairing the windows – 8 Sanctuary and 9 Vestry and 4 Entry Area (no ornamental) was \$55,000. The cost of repairs to the Carriage House including the wood front and synthetic rear roof was \$30,000. Jean also distributed a “Statement of Need” breaking down the costs relative to the Church and the Carriage Sheds. Jean was looking for support from the HDC before meeting with the CPC to request funds to help with such projects. She also pointed out that CP funds had been used in many other Massachusetts towns for preservation/restoration of prominent churches. There was a vote to support the idea of using CP funds for such work. (4-0-0)

First Parish Church – Changes to approved work program – window on east side of “stair hall” addition and landing outside connector doors on west side. Due to cost restraints there is a need to make a couple of relatively small adjustments to the Certificate of Appropriateness that was recently issued to the First Parish Church. There is a need to change the landing on the west side of the new addition from concrete to mahogany.

There is also a need to change the long window on the stair tower on the east elevation to two smaller windows (one up and one down) similar to others on the west elevation of the addition. Kevin made the motion that the HDC accept these changes, as proposed in the e-mail from Susie Keyes. There was a unanimous vote in favor of this motion. (4-0-0)

Roadwork finished in Town Center HD. Gretchen and George walked the Town Center HD with those responsible for the road work. The “pink bricks” have been replaced; (they were from Home Depot). The snow fencing is down by Chris Hagger’s. There is still the issue of the traffic light lenses at the intersection of Routes 27 and 126. Apparently two different vendors were used for the traffic lights; so the lenses could be different in intensity.

Sidewalk on west side of Old Sudbury Road between the Depot and the new Town Center entrance. For those who care about this issue, they should communicate with the Planning Board and the Board of Public Works.

There will probably not be an HDC meeting in August due to paving of the Town Building parking lot.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Baston