

WHDC Meeting  
April 16, 2015

Present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Marji Ford, Sheryl Simon, Kathy Steinberg

Others: None

Public Comment: There was none.

Minutes of March 26, 2015 were approved with the addition of DCR being defined as the Department of Conservation and Recreation. (5-0-0)

A question was raised about possible grants or funds for historic residential properties. Gretchen said she knew of state grants for businesses, schools and churches, but not for residential properties.

6 Old Sudbury Road - Informal Review. Gretchen explained that there will be demolition of a rear dormer and new construction of a second story on the rear ell. The homeowners have a shed roof dormer and recently discovered that there is no bearing wall underneath it. A second story will be added on top of the first story rear ell. The homeowners will be using the same fabric and design details, and plans will be reviewed at HDC meeting on May 7th.

Design Review Guidelines - masonry issues. Desmond had expressed concerns about the guidelines on chimneys. In particular he had concerns about keeping a chimney in place above the roof line when it had been removed within the interior of the house. Wording was changed to reflect this concern. In addition, interior chimney linings should not be included in the guidelines. The idea of painting a brick chimney was also discussed, as some have heard that can cause harm to the brick; Gretchen will

investigate to see if that is correct in which case guidelines will offer that information. Under the topic of “foundations” sentences were re-worked for greater clarity.

The next collection of items under proposed guidelines to discuss at next meeting will be: porches/decks, stairs and railings, shutters, trim.

Margery reported that the Historical Society is still reviewing signage for the Grout-Heard House Museum. They have found that most sign makers today are using synthetic materials rather than wood. (The results can sometimes look very much like real wood).

The next HDC meeting will be held on May 7 (in order to accommodate a property owner assuming that HDC is able to approve application for work at 6 Old Sudbury Road).

The meeting adjourned at about 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margery Baston