

Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 126
Meeting Minutes, 14 August 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:42 PM. Attending: David Honn (DH), Anita Rogers (AR), Ron Regan (RR), Fran Arsenault (FA), and Maria Crowley (MC). John Benson (JB) Selectmen Representative and David Shoemaker (DS) absent.

7:30 pm **Citizen's questions** – Terra Fredricks said that town staff needs more training about preservation. The school house (where?) was in the process of being sold and the building department granted a demolition permit.

7:46 **Minutes for 7/24** vote held until next meeting to give time for reviewing. MC confirmed that all our minute notes are now getting up on the web site.

7:45 **Project spreadsheet review:** MC sent spreadsheet with her applications and status notes to DS. RR and FA still need to send updates.

7:50 **270 Central St Application 1813** – FA got a request from the applicants if they could change the top of the fence already approved to not have the lattice top. Instead they would like to use a horizontal top board and cap. No one had any objections. DH told FA that we approve of the change and that she should submit an amended certificate. DH also asked that a recommendation be added to the certificate to stain or paint the fence a dark color like black or green. AR said that stain would be preferred as it weathers better and wood grain is still visible.

8:00 **508 Main St. Application 1821** – Chis Caldwell not present. Copper ½ round gutters on barn with down spouts at the rear of the garage. MC assigned liaison. MC makes a motion – per sketch and product cut sheet. Finding Main St. is governing way. FA seconds, approved unanimous pending abutters notices.

8:15 **95 Main St. Application 1823** – Isabelle and Arnaud Thourot not present. New roof and repair and repoint 2 chimneys. Recap chimney with concrete, match mortar color. CertainTeed landmark series roof shingles. AR makes a motion – Shingles to match existing color. White finished aluminum drip edge. Ridge vent to run gable to gable end. Lead flashing

on Chimneys. Color per-owner. FA seconds, approved unanimous pending abutters notices.

8:30 **472 Main St. Town Hall Application 1820** – Andrea Ristine not present. Need to illuminate the flags in front of town hall. This was from June 18th and we need to vote as DH was unable to connect with Andrea and get an extension. DH suggests rejecting as he doesn't think the proposed lighting will work. DH makes a motion to reject as incomplete, FA seconds, vote unanimous.

8:35 **Chair Update – 53 River St.** DH said the committee hasn't made progress with a plan for the site. They have applied for funding. **4 Piper Lane** – proposed 40B for 40 units in 5 acres behind South Acton Historic District but not in the district. There is no application yet. Need to get HMC on the case and the Great Hill people involved. **3-27 School St.** DH pushed Selby to create a master plan for the site. Perkins is on board, Veo not involved yet. Town may lease and use for parking temporarily and asked about putting up a temporary fence for a year, which complies with HDC regulations. DH to give a CNE for fence. **555 Mass Ave**, New London Pizza contacted the HDC via email about repairs for roof. DH reached out to have them submit an application for a CNA, but hasn't heard back.

8:45 **69 School St. Application 1822.** Alyssa Bozian present. The house is a duplex, Alyssa owns the west side. There is some rotten wood and trim that needs repair. There is a light facing the driveway that is not working and needs to be replaced. The fence along school street needs to posts.; Gutter on west side also needs to be repaired and maybe replaced. There was a discussion about the gutter orientation and the possible need for an extra down-spout. Alyssa has a matching light fixture for the light. DH said the repair and light replacement would be a CNA, if the gutters need more than cleaning and repair come back. MC assigned liaison for the CNA.

9:15 **Abutters Notification Procedures/HDC Boundary Signs/HDC Newsletter.** – H4H 53 School St – to get CPC funds need approval from HDC for all aspects that it complies with the Secretary of the Interior standards. They asked for recommendation for painting the house. DH will suggest looking at the California Paints palette for appropriate colors. FA talked to public works and they think they have old HDC signs that were never installed. FA will follow up with Corey York. We go an email

about lattice on a barn. FA said she the barn has a large Wisteria plant growing and maybe the trellis is the lattice being referenced.

9:30 Meeting adjourned.