

Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 121
Meeting Minutes, 12 April 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. Attending: Fran Arsenault (FA),), David Honn (DH), Ron Regan (RR), Anita Rogers (AR); not present Chingsung Chang (CC, Selectmen Representative) David Shoemaker (DS) and David Foley (DF)

7:30 PM Citizens Questions: Kendra Wilson 69 School Street – converting a deck to a screened in porch and move stairs. DH/AR suggested contacting Tom Tidman of the conservation department about the back of the property as it abuts wetlands and there could be an issue with footings etc. RR to be liaison when application is submitted.

7:50 Move to approve March 22nd Minutes; accepted unanimously.

7:55 270-274 Central Street. Aaron Jeanson presents update site plan. Citizens present: Renee Robins and Terra Friedrichs. The site was updated to split the parking into two parts, moving the new structure at the back of the lot closer to the church/child care, and moving the new structure at the front over to adjust the driveway location in hopes of saving the walnut tree.

RR likes the new layout by breaking the parking into two parts and moving the entrance to the drive way. FA agrees but would like to keep the large garage/workshop structure. AR would like to keep/move or replicate the garage/workshop structure. Aaron - the driveway has to be 20 feet wide for fire trucks.

Comments from the public: Renee – could there be smaller units for elderly with less parking? Could you move the new structure in the back forward to add some parking behind it? DH/AR the parking spots could be a little smaller and have green space added between to break them up. Terra – could you put a small garage if the bigger one (garage/workshop) is removed? Could there be parking underneath? DH the scale would be too large. Could you get a waiver from the town for no parking? Could you use parking behind the fire house?

8:37 525 Mass. Ave. - Modern Barre. Julia Robinson. Slight change to the design of the sign to remove the text "fitness studio" from it. FA – likes the new sign better. AR – likes the new sign, wishes there was more blue on the "ends" of the sign, this may not be a real issue as Julia mocked up the new sign and it isn't a technical drawing. DH - likes the sign.

RR makes a motion to approve application 1607 an 18" x 156" x 1/2" wood sign with 6" high by 1/2" thick dimensional letters and logo in wood mounted to MDO backer board per artwork. Letters are to be raised from back by a 1/2" spacer, fasteners to be concealed. Seconded and approved unanimously pending abutters' notices.

8:49 38 Windsor Ave – Andrew Towell. RR recused as neighbor. Proposed mini-split air conditioner with piping in the corner of the building facing away from the street. DH made determination that this won't be visible from the street and will be a Certificate of Non-applicability. Discussion about piping: make sure the contractor puts them where you indicate, sometimes they move them. AR will file the certificate.

9:04 16 Woodbury Lane – Jane Post. Application 1606 New Roof on house and garage using GAF Timberline architectural shingles. We believe a motion was made in the last meeting and was awaiting shingle samples. The motion was re-voted and approved unanimously.

9:07 Discussion of town hall color change, budget was approved at town meeting. DH suggested that we have a combined public panel with the Historic Commission to discuss the colors in an open forum.

9:07 Discussion on approval of CPC funding for HDC district consultant, we need to write an RFP.

9:25 Move to adjourn; seconded and voted unanimously