

Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 126
Meeting Minutes, 11 Oct 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:39 PM. Attending: Ron Regan (RR), Anita Rogers (AR), David Honn (DH)

7:30pm **Citizen's questions** - Allison Casazza came to observe the meeting. She is interested in joining the HDC and has already interviewed with the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

7:39 Hold on voting on minutes.

7:40 53 River Street purchase passed special town meeting.

24/26 River Street. The HDC received an application for replacement windows. DH noted that within the last year or so the property owner installed a plastic railing system on an eastern side deck without HDC approval. The Committee needs to confirm whether the applicant for the windows owned the property when the deck was installed.

On October 17th in room 204 at 8pm there will be a public meeting to discuss Morrison Farm. HDC members were encouraged to attend.

Stephen Steinberg is interested in rehabbing 615 Mass Ave and is looking for a partner to do the work.

7:47 **270-274 Central St.** - Mickey Jeanson – amending existing applications.

270 Central:

The following is work that can be accomplished with a Certificate of Non-Applicability:

1. Remove two narrow windows on the back of the right side projecting bay which are not visible from the street.
2. Replace the pedestrian entrance door on garage with an in-kind 12- lite wood panel door.

3. Replace the existing wood panel garage doors at 270 with an in-kind replacement .

If the owner would prefer to use a different garage door, the selection would require a vote of the Commission. AR will investigate options for garage doors – fiberglass would be more durable. DH it would be appropriate to include a row of windows on the doors.

Other work:

1. The owner requests removal of the back right chimney (one of three chimneys) which serves only as the furnace. The chimney is visible and requires a vote.

274 Central:

The following is work that can be accomplished with a Certificate of Non-Applicability:

1. Remove chimney at addition on back of 274. It is not visible from the street and will be included in the CNA.
2. Shorten window on rear elevation

Other work:

3. Garage at 274 has carriage house type doors which in failing condition. The owner would like to replace them with an overhead door and automatic opener and will come with specific information next time.
4. Remove the kitchen door facing the street on left side (possibly replace with a window) and shorten windows on that side elevation so that cabinets and counter top can be put inside. This needs to be voted at next meeting.

8:17 The MBTA submitted a preliminary drawing to the town engineer, Corey York, for a solar canopy installation over the Railroad Street parking spaces and drive aisle. The structure is approximately 10,000 sf, considerably larger than the train station itself. This installation has the potential to create an adverse effect on the adjacent structures in the South Acton District. DH communicated to Corey York recommending that the main parking lot would be a more suitable location for solar canopies.

8:23 Look into using Google Drive to hold HDC documents and make sharing easier. RR recalled a conversation with David Foley a year or so ago about something similar and recalls potential legal issues

so we should ask town legal counsel. [DHS notes that we could post the Google Drive location on the Town Web Page; an alternative would be the Town DocuShare, but then more broad access would be needed]

8:27 Discussion and review of RFP document.

8:52 Meeting adjourned. (Note: Due to lack of a committee quorum, no votes were taken on any applications).