

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – April 13, 2020

Time: 7:31 p.m. – 8:41 p.m.

Members Present: Ben Franklin, Chair; Jer Jurma; Sylvia Belkin, alternate; Richard Smith; Andrew Steingiser

Members Absent:

Location: Virtual Meeting

The public hearing was video and audio recorded.

Agenda:

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) **Certificate of Appropriateness for 20HDC-09 (20 ELMWOOD ROAD)** Request for replacement of three (3) casement windows. Jaime Morin from Renewal by Anderson was present for the application. The windows to be replaced are also not original to the house. Concerns were brought up about size; the windows are/will be up to current code. They are also located in the rear of the structure, and can therefore be considered a CONA.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve 20HDC-09 as a CONA as submitted. Seconded by S. Belkin; unanimously approved.

- 2) **Certificate of Appropriateness for 20HDC-11 (145 WALKER ROAD)**) Request for replacement of porch stairs & floorboards; removal of windows/door on front porch; raise porch walls to be in accordance with building code (from 3 ft. to 3 ft. 6 in.); and paint exterior of home and replace any shingles. Porch will remain wood and shingle to match existing. Applicant and homeowners Karen and Patrick Shanahan were present.

The porch was originally open when the building was constructed, and was later partially enclosed. They intend to restore it to its former open state.

After some discussion, the Commission determined that the proposed painting, shingle replacement, floorboard replacement, and replacement of stairs and railings as a Certificate of Non-Applicability.

The Commission discussed the porch wall, and concluded that if its was in code that it should be no higher than 3 feet. R. Smith mentioned that today many columns are replaced with fiberglass as another option to wood.

MOTION 1: R. Smith to approve the CONA for the shingle, floorboard, and chair replacement. Seconded by S. Belkin; unanimously approve.

MOTION 2: J. Jurma to approve the COA for window and door removal as proposed with the following conditions:

- 1) Keep the porch wall 3 feet in height
- 2) Replacement of columns to be wood or fiberglass

Motion seconded by S. Belkin; unanimously approved.

At this time, Commission member Steingiser had to leave the meeting (8:10 pm)

- 3) **Certificate of Appropriateness for HDC-12 (10 SWAMPSCOTT AVENUE)** Request for replacement of a side door on garage to match front door. Carl Forbes and Ed Burge were present for the application.

The door to be replaced will match the existing front door, which is original to the house. It is a 6 panel with 2 top lights.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve the COA as submitted. Seconded by R. Smith; unanimously approved.

- 4) **Certificate of Appropriateness for 20HDC-10 (148 WALKER ROAD)** Request for replacement of four (4) existing vinyl windows with new vinyl windows of the same design. Mark Droste was present for the application.

Two windows are out of view, and therefore considered not applicable.

Two windows are on the side of the house and viewable from a public way, and therefore a Certificate of Appropriateness.

MOTION: S. Belkin to approve the COA with the following conditions:

- 1) Trim to match recently redone windows
- 2) Material to be paintable
- 3) No grill in glass

Seconded by J. Jurma; unanimously approved.

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- 5) Approval of past meeting minutes.

MOTION: S. Belkin to approve the meeting minutes from 4/6/2020. Seconded by R. Smith; unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.