

Town of Hingham
Historic Districts Commission
210 Central Street ~ Hingham, Massachusetts

Historic Districts Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday February 13, 2020
Hingham Town Hall
6:30 PM

Present: Commissioners **Virginia Tay, Hans von der Luft, Michael Collard, Carol Pyles,** and **Catherine Daley;** Alternate Members Ben Burnham, Justin Aborn, Tomas Kindler, Tracy Shriver, and Robert Edson.
Also present: Historical Administrator Andrea Young and Administrative Assistant Sherry Robertson.

Members Absent: none

SCPO Keith Jermyn, USN; Hingham's Director of Veterans' Services:

Pledge of Allegiance – Proposal

SCPO Jermyn submitted a written statement, which he read aloud. His proposal is recommending that the Town's Boards and Commissions adopt a policy of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of their meetings. The Commission discussed the proposal and agreed to think about it and discuss it next time.

The following are seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness:

Patrick and Kathryn Kirk, 255 Main Street located in the Pear Tree Hill Local Historic District; for modifications to existing barn, including removing rear addition and constructing a new addition. The Kirks were in present along with designer Heidi Condon. Ms. Condon described the existing barn and explained that she believes it was likely constructed in the late 1700s. She stated that the Kirks would like to preserve it as they redesign it to be a recreational space for their family. Ms. Condon submitted drawings showing the proposed floor plan of the space, stating that the footprint is to remain the same. She described the desire to expose some of the beams using glass on the rear elevation, where she believes the view is obscured from a public way. Ms. Condon also shared written comments from some of the neighbors in support of the proposal. Commissioner Tay thanked the applicants for their concern for the historic nature of the barn and acknowledged their desire for it to have a productive use, stating that she hopes that whatever is done is within its historic character. The Commission discussed the need for a site visit to be better informed as to what may be seen from a

public way. The site visit was scheduled for March 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM, and the applicant agreed to return at the next meeting on March 12, 2020.

Bill Benoit, 38 North Street, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District; to enclose existing porch. Mr. Benoit was present. The architect for the project, Al Kearney, was not able to be present at the meeting. Mr. Benoit explained the porch as it is now, referring to submitted photos and explained the drawings showing the proposed enclosed porch. The Commission asked questions about materials and windows. The Commission discussed whether they would like the applicant to come back with more details including information about the light fixtures, where mechanicals will go, proportions of the windows, and other details regarding materials. The applicant agreed to return to the next hearing on March 12, 2020.

James and Catherine McKeone, 59 School Street, located in the Hingham Centre Local Historic District; to construct a pool house to the rear of the property. Landscape Architect Sean Papich was present along with designer Sally Weston. Ms. Weston reminded the Commission that the pool itself and the fencing has already been approved and that they are seeking the Certificate of Appropriateness for the pool house. She explained that the pool house is proposed to be 17 x 24 feet and 16 feet in height. It is located 230 feet from the road. The proposal includes lattice on the side as well as plantings for privacy. The proposal includes using clapboards and windows to match the house. The landscape plan was also already approved. Commissioner Collard commented that the design was nicely detailed and Commissioner Daley stated that she feels it is in keeping with the other small outbuildings on the property.

Motion: Commissioner Collard made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 59 School Street for the construction of a pool house based on drawings dated January 23, 2020; all exterior materials to be wood; roof to be asphalt; windows to be all wood, simulated divided light.

Second: Commissioner von der Luft

In Favor: Commissioners Tay, Collard, von der Luft, Daley, and Pyles

Opposed: none

Continued from 1/09/2020: William and Adrienne Ramsey, 55 North Street, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District, to construct an addition to the front of the house. Commissioner Collard recused himself from the hearing on this project. Voting members are Commissioners Tay, von der Luft, Daley, Burnham, and Aborn.

William Ramsey stated that The Commission's comments from the previous hearings were taken into consideration when making the recent changes to the plans. Architect Roger Hoit explained the updated drawings showing the progressions throughout the process. He explained that changes were made to the design of the porch roof, so that it looks more like the existing porch roof. He described the changes including adding a faux chimney and front stairs. Mr. Hoit also explained that the stairs to the basement were changed to become interior stairs instead of being located within a bulkhead. Commissioners Pyles and Aborn complimented the design changes. Commissioner Tay stated that she feels the front façade is respectful to the original, while giving the applicants what they needed. Commissioner Burnham thanked the applicants for their

patience and collaboration. Commissioner Tay asked about demolition and Mr. Hoit indicated on the plans the dotted line, showing where the demolition will take place. Commissioner von der Luft also thanked the applicants for the changes. The Commission reviewed the criteria for evaluation, noting that most specifics have been dealt with at the previous hearings.

Motion: Commissioner Burnham made a motion to Grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 55 North Street based on elevations on plans dated January 28, 2020; colors to be submitted to Administrator Andrea Young at a later date along with a lighting plan; landscape plan also to be submitted later; all trim to be wood; siding to be cedar; windows to be all wood, true divided light; the door to the right on the front porch is optional

Second:

In Favor: Commissioners Tay, von der Luft, Daley, Burnham, and Aborn

Opposed: none

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from January 9, 2020.

After a discussion, the Commission voted all in favor to approve the minutes, with minor edits.

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2020

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Robertson
Administrative Assistant