

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

Historic Districts Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday April 16, 2020
6:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A REMOTE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

Time: Apr 16, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Dial-in Number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 297 936 593

Present (remotely): Commissioners Michael Collard, Hans von der Luft, Carol Pyles, Catherine Daley; and alternate members Ben Burnham, Tomas Kindler, Justin Aborn, Tracy Shriver, Robert Edson Also present: Historical Administrator Andrea Young and Administrative Assistant Sherry Robertson.

Chairman Michael Collard read the following statement:

This meeting is being held remotely by telephone as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all telephone communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

Chairman Collard called the meeting to order and explained the procedures for conducting the meeting via Zoom.

Catherine Daley stated that she is recusing herself from the 8 Pond Street application.

Chairman Collard reviewed the voting members for each application.

Continued from 3/12/20: 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

Present remotely were designer Heidi Condon and builder Jake Morgan. The applicant Patrick Kirk was also present. Ms. Condon reviewed the revisions made since the last meeting. She stated that they have not decided on window type and are working on comparing prices among several brands. Commissioners Daley and Pyles stated that the simplification of the front façade is an appropriate improvement. The Commission asked questions about the stone wall, as well as the location of mechanical units for the heating system. The Commission thanked the applicants for their cooperation with the process.

Motion: Commissioner von der Luft made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 255 Main Street for modifications to the existing barn, this follows previous approval of the removal of the barn's rear addition and side shed. This certificate is based on drawings A1-1, A1-2 A1-3 A2-1 A2-2 dated March 27, 2020 prepared by Heidi Condon; the barn is to be sided in white cedar shingles; windows are to be Marvin all wood simulated divided light, Kolbe all wood simulated divided light, or Brosco all wood simulated divided light, without screens or storms; trim to be painted white; doors to be wood painted black or Sayward pine at discretion of the owner; asphalt roof to match the house; knee wall to be constructed as shown in the drawing on A 1-1 and A 2-1 to the left side of the barn, also to be white cedar shingle; decking to be mahogany with natural mahogany railing; lighting to be gooseneck industrial lights on side as shown on page A 2-1, and an existing onion light on the front of the barn and an existing light above the front door; barn doors to be wood; windows to be six over six throughout except as noted on A2-1 and A2-2 to match the drawings; HVAC units to be located at the rear of the barn.

Second: Tomas Kindler

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

Opposed: none

Continued from 3/12/20: Patrick Brady, 67-71 North Street, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District, to replace remaining windows not replaced during 2018 addition/renovation project. Present remotely were Patrick Brady and Contractor Gabriel Lortie. Mr. Brady reviewed the fact that at the last meeting the style of windows was discussed. He stated that they were not able to find any old photos showing what style window may have been there previously. He stated that they will be going before the Zoning Board of Appeals for the addition in the near future. Mr. Brady explained that they plan to go forward with the idea of two-over-two windows, which is the style that is there now. The Commission determined at a site visit that the windows were not original to the building. Commissioner Collard asked the applicant to be specific about which windows were the ones being replaced. The Commissioners had no other questions and there was no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Burnham made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 67-71 North Street for the replacement of all 11 windows on the front façade; seven of eight windows on the left elevation (the eighth one has already been replaced); on the right elevation all windows except three will be replaced (the casement window is excluded, as are the two windows on the second floor of the flat roof addition); on the rear elevation #1 window on the lower left will be replaced; and on the rear elevation #2 four of six windows in the middle will be replaced; rear elevation #3 to

be submitted at a later date. The 30 windows are all to be Marvin Authentic Divided Light all wood windows.

Second: Commissioner von der Luft

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

Opposed: none

Jennifer and Michael Seggev, 53 Lincoln Street, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District, to install a lamppost at the front of the house.

The applicants, Jennifer and Michael Seggev were present remotely for the meeting. They submitted photos of posts similar to the one they would like to install. They stated that the post would be white. Commissioner Kindler clarified that the post would be made of wood, which the applicants confirmed, and that the lantern would be a dark metal that would darken over time as it weathers. Lisa Swanson, designer, stated that she spoke to Walpole Woodworking Company and can confirm that it is a wooden lamppost.

Motion: Commissioner Aborn made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 53 Lincoln Street for the installation of a lamppost, design as depicted in packet submitted; lamppost with mortised sign bracket indicating street address; wood post; McKinley style post mounted with onion style lantern with metal patina to weather.

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

Opposed: None

John and Sarah Carolan, 712 Main Street, located in the Glad Tidings Local Historic District, to install fencing around a pool.

The applicants, John and Sarah Carolan joined the meeting remotely. They explained the project which is to install fencing around a pool. They stated that they spoke to Historical Commission Administrator Andrea Young and have some changes to what was submitted. They stated they would like to simplify the fencing. The Commission asked questions about what could be seen from the public way, as well as what the gates will look like and where they will be located.

Motion: Commissioner Aborn made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 712 Main Street for the installation of three fences to enclose a pool; fence design to be consistent with exhibits 1 & 2 submitted; fences to be all wood; gate hardware to have a look of iron, to be black; three fences in total, the picket to be painted white to match existing, the second to be a picket fence with lattice at the top to be natural color, and the third is to be an invisible welded wire fence with natural wood. Fences surrounding the pool will be 6 feet in height, as required by the Board of Health.

Second: Commissioner von der Luft

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

Opposed: none

Continued from 3/12/20: Robert and Dorothy Stuart, 8 Pond Street, located in the Hingham Centre Local Historic District, to demolish two existing additions and a sunroom all located to the rear of the house and to construct a new addition.

The applicants, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart were present remotely as well as the prospective buyer of the home, Brigitte Minicus. The architect for the project, Christopher DeOrsay, was also present. Mr. Stuart stated that they have a signed offer with Ms. Minicus at this time and hope to have a Purchase and Sale agreement the following week. Christopher DeOrsay of Campbell Smith Architects stated that they are seeking approval tonight for the proposed addition. Mr. DeOrsay shared the plans remotely on the screen. Chairman Collard read aloud comments from Ben Wilcox stating that the new addition will provide the living space necessary to ensure the preservation of the main house. The Commission asked questions about the three different types of dormers, noting the differences among them. Commission members shared their thoughts regarding the appropriateness of the design and suggested changes to the dormers and the side entryway that may be more appropriate. Chris DeOrsay used the screen sharing feature to add some of the changes that were being suggested. The applicants and the Commission agreed to hold another meeting in a week to help the applicants move forward in the selling process, and to give them time to take the Commission's feedback into consideration. They agreed to come back with revisions to the plan on April 23, 2020.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting and approved the minutes with minor edits.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Sherry Robertson
Administrative Assistant