

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

Historic Districts Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday August 13, 2020
6:30 PM

Remote meeting via Zoom:

Commission Members Present Remotely: Michael Collard, Hans von der Luft, Catherine Daley, Carol Pyles, and Alternate Members Ben Burnham, Tomas Kindler, Justin Aborn, Tracy Shriver, and Robert Edson. Also present remotely, Historic Districts Commission Administrator Andrea Young and Administrative Assistant Sherry Robertson.

Chairman Michael Collard read the following statement regarding remote meetings:

This meeting is being held remotely 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 communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

8 Pond Street, located in the Hingham Centre Local Historic District: windows

Commissioner Daley recused herself from the hearing. Commissioner Burnham was appointed to vote in her stead.

This is a continuation from the previous meeting. Present remotely were the applicant Brigitte Minicus and architect Chris DeOrsay. Mr. DeOrsay shared his screen showing a three-dimensional image of the existing house. The proposal is to replace 13 windows, four on the street front and nine on the gable ends of the original volume. He explained that they are proposing a Nantucket Window from Marvin for the four front windows, which are an all wood window with a deep profile and are true divided light windows. He stated that they would use an energy panel full storm with these. For the other nine windows on the sides, Mr. DeOrsay explained that they are proposing using the insulated glass simulated divided light window that was shown to the Commission at the site visit. Commissioner von der Luft asked when the previous owners received approval to replace several windows, and what type of windows were approved. Andrea Young reviewed the minutes from 2015 when the previous owner was given

permission to replace the second floor windows. Commissioner Collard noted the Commission's consistency in the goal of repair over replacement whenever possible and when it isn't, ensuring the historical appropriateness of replacements. Brigitte Minicus stated that she wants to replace them for functionality and would not want storms on the bedrooms for safety reasons.

Commissioner Collard stated that in the interest of moving forward, he would call for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Burnham made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 8 Pond Street for the replacing of windows in the first and second floor of the original volume based on the submittal dated July 30, 2020, 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3; to replace the front windows with true divided light, all wood six-over-six window with a 5/8 muntin; replacement of the windows on the gable ends on the first floor to be all wood six-over-six with a 5/8 muntin true divided light; the windows of the gable end on the second floor to be replaced at the applicants discretion using all wood simulated divided light or true divided light all wood six-over-six with a 5/8 muntin; windows are to have an historic sill, all wood, flat casing without back band, and the flat casing is to project beyond the trailing edge of the clapboard siding

Second: Commissioner Aborn

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

Opposed: none

37 Fearing Road, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District

This was a continuation from the previous hearing. Architect Brad Pierce shared his screen to review the revised plans that were submitted based on the proposal to demolish a portion of the existing house, and construct a new porch that would connect to the existing garage. He explained the changes to the plans which included changes to the trim of the garage to blend better with the main dwelling, as well as stepping back the porch by one foot from the garage. Commissioner Pyles stated that the garage fits with the house better with these revisions, and that because the garage is so small it is a challenge to make the garage look more important. Commissioner Daley stated that the changes were positive, and made suggestions regarding the connector and the trim. Commissioner von der Luft stated that his comments are unchanged from the previous hearing, that he thinks a separation between the house and garage is more appropriate. Commissioner Burnham asked about raising the garage roof, and agreed with Commissioner Daley's suggestion of simplifying the trim on the addition. Commissioner Collard stated that since the Commission has concerns of the appropriateness of the connection to the garage and the level of trim, he feels that simplifying the connector might be a solution. Mr. Pierce stated that he will meet with the applicant to discuss changes and return at the next hearing on September 17, 2020. The hearing was continued to 9/17/2020.

105 North Street, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District

Commissioner Aborn was appointed as the fifth voting member.

This is a continuation from the previous hearing. Commissioner Burnham was appointed as the fifth voting member. Architect Michael Rocino shared photos of the property and noted some of the changes to the proposal which includes making repairs and requesting permission to use alternative materials such as Boral. Commissioner Burnham stated that at the site visit he observed that most of the trim is deteriorated, as well as the deck and the railing. Mr. Rocino noted information from the Form B which shows that the history of the building, that it was once three structures that were joined together over time. Commissioner Collard stated that it is

important that the Commission do their due diligence in getting opinions of restoration experts to see if the windows can be restored. Mr. Rocino asked if it would be possible for the applicant to move forward on needed repairs and come back at a later time with a window proposal.

Motion: Commissioner Burnham made a motion for a Certificate of Appropriateness to 105 North Street to make repairs to the exterior trim and siding, quoins, and center cladding; the inscribed masonry in the center volume to be Boral; corner boards to be wood of choice; clapboard to be red cedar; tighter water table exposure with the clapboard and then consistent alternating running lengths of the clapboard; shutters are to be wood with authentic hardware; the shutters are to be duplicated to recreate existing. In particular, the center volume where shutters are split in half with the lower section shorter than the upper section are to be constructed in the same manner; color to be submitted to Andrea Young; aluminum or lead coated copper gutters are to simulate a wood gutter profile; downspouts to be round; windows are NOT included in this motion; deck and railings to be cedar; the use of Boral is acceptable in elements that are susceptible to water (the water table, railing on the deck, and quoins, the inscribed masonry);

Second: Commissioner von der Luft

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

Opposed: none

38 North Street, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District

The applicant, Allison Daly was present remotely along with Harry Titus, sign designer. They explained that they would like to install two business signs for Hingham Medical Esthetics, one on North Street and one on Station Street and to install awnings on the North Street windows. Mr. Titus described the signage and displayed some options. The Commission asked about the materials for the signs and if surrounding businesses had similar signage. Andrea Young noted similar business signs in the area. Commissioner Collard stated that the carved wood option is appropriate on the North Street side of the building. MDO board may be used on the Station Street side.

Motion: Commissioner von der Luft made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 38 North Street for the installation of two business signs to replace the existing sign with a sign of the same size, wood carved, black with white letters on the front North Street side; the rear sign to be MDO sign in the size as indicated in photo on page 2, black with white vinyl lettering; replace existing awnings with two black canvas Sunbrella awnings

Second: Commissioner Burnham

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

Opposed: none

962 Main Street, located in the Liberty Plain Local Historic District

Commissioner Daley recused herself from the hearing; Commissioner Burnham was appointed to vote in her stead. Commissioner Edson was appointed as the fifth voting member. The applicant, Gordon Carr, was present remotely and explained the proposal is to install a six foot high fence between the house and garage. He stated that they are proposing a six foot cedar fence with a gate to go around the yard for privacy and pool safety. The Commission asked for specifications of the width of the gate and the fence materials.

Motion: Commissioner Burnham made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a six foot high fence between the garage and the main house as depicted in the submittal; color to remain natural; gate to be approximately four feet wide; fence to be cedar.

Second: Commissioner Pyles

In Favor: Commissioners Pyles, Aborn, Burnham, Edson, and Collard

Opposed: none

57-59 North Street, located in the Lincoln Local Historic District

The applicant Lauren Porsia was present to explain that she would like to install an iron railing on the side of granite steps leading to the front and side doors. The railing is required for insurance purposes. She shared her screen to show the design of the railing to be placed on one side of two sets of steps. Commissioner Shriver clarified that the railing will be attached to the granite.

Motion: Commissioner Aborn made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 57-59 North Street for the installations of two sections of iron railing to correspond with two sets of stairs; railing to be mounted into granite

Second: Commissioner Pyles

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

Opposed: none

699 Main Street, located in the Glad Tidings Plain Local Historic District

Commissioner Burnham was appointed as the fifth voting member.

The applicant, Christopher Finnerty, was present remotely and explained that the proposal is to install copper gutters. He stated that he wants to change from wood to copper in the same profile as what is there now, and that the copper would be left to weather. Commissioner Daley asked if the Commission has previously approved copper gutters, and Andrea young confirmed that they have been approved in the past.

Motion: Commissioner Burnham made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 699 Main Street for the installation of wood profile copper gutter and round downspouts on the front of the house, to age naturally.

Second: Commissioner Daley

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

Opposed: none

The Commission voted to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020 and June 18, 2020 with minor edits.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Robertson, Administrative Assistant