



Historical Commission

Regular

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Vincent Walsh

Thursday, January 18, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 205

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Vincent Walsh	Chair, RAPV Representative	Present	
Alfonso Nardi	Vice-Chair	Present	
Judith Crowell	CPC Representative	Present	
Bryan Mcfarland	Spfld Preservation Trust Representative	Absent	
Walter Kroll	Alternate	Present	
Vincent Calcasola	Alternate	Absent	

II. Acceptance of Minutes

III. Public Hearings (Continued)

1. Petition (ID # 7810)

91-97 Chestnut Street

91-97 Chestnut Street: Installation of murals to either side of building

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner Walsh communicated to the Commission that the petitioners had requested a 60-day extension to their application and there was no discussion on the matter.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Bryan Mcfarland, Vincent Calcasola

2. Petition (ID # 7813)

54 Washington Street

54 Washington Street: Replacement windows

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

David Garvey of Home Depot was present as a representative of the petitioner to discuss the application. Commissioner Walsh had stated that he had driven by the property to assess what windows were original and replacements. Mr. Garvey stated that there were 9 replacement windows in total. Commissioner Walsh then asked if the petitioner had brought samples of the proposed replacement windows to which Mr. Garvey said that request was never made of him by the commission. Commissioner Walsh proceeded to ask how many windows had already been replaced to which Mr. Garvey said that three windows had been replaced, and that the work was done prior to him. Commissioner Walsh then asked if the petitioner had explored the use of other styles or models of windows for the house to which Mr. Garvey stated that the window style proposed on the

application would be the only one that is available through his company, and the only financially feasible mode for the petitioner. Commissioner Walsh expressed concern over the possibility that the current white color of the windows is not original to the house. Commissioner Kroll reiterated the concerns of Commissioner Walsh that the proposed windows are not on the list of acceptable styles of windows outlined by the commission. Commissioner Walsh read letter from Erica Swallow stating that original windows were similar to the replacements proposed in the application. Mr. Garvey had risen the point that narrower Simonton 6100 collection windows would be more appropriate for look of the house which Commissioner Walsh agreed with. Mr. Garvey stated that 9 replacement windows would be the maximum they could replace and that white would be the best color to match the existing style of the house in response to Commissioner Walsh's question as to how many windows could be replaced and if they could be replaced with different darker color models of windows.

Public Comments:	None
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Motion:	Accept application for appropriateness
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RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Bryan Mcfarland, Vincent Calcasola

3. Petition (ID # 7815)

92 Buckingham Street

92 Buckingham Street: Front porch renovations

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Petitioner had stated that she would be able to renovate the porch in a manner that would match the original style of the porch including the preservation of the rounded corner portion of the porch roof. Commissioner Walsh wanted confirmation that the style would remain the same to which the petitioner answered yes. The petitioner also stated that she would add a pipe handrail to the front steps of the porch as well and that the pitch of the roof would be increased in order to improve the drainage of rain/runoff on the front porch and prevent possible structural damage as a result of poor drainage caused by the roof remaining in its original form. Commissioner Walsh then asked if anything pertaining to the porch aside from the pitch of the roof, would be altered in style to which petitioner answered no. Commissioner Walsh then proposed changing the application to one of appropriateness and proceeded to ask Commissioner Nardi about the change in roof pitch being an acceptable change under the criteria of an appropriateness certificate to which Commissioner Nardi said yes and the application was changed to one for certificate of appropriateness.

Public Comment:	Jim Boone of 97 Florida Street spoke in favor of the application, Jennifer Rao of 29 Ing opposition to application
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Motion:	To accept the application to rebuild the front porch, maintain curved porch, reuse old in design, to include pipe handrails for stairs and renovation and reuse of original post renovation of porch roof with pitched top
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RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Bryan Mcfarland, Vincent Calcasola

4. Petition (ID # 7817)

80 Cornell Street

80 Cornell Street: Erect new garage and installation of mini-split unit

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner Walsh stated that in order approve this matter the previous garage item for this property needed to be approved as well, and stated that they could continue the application or resubmit both applications. The petitioner argued that the garage redesign was his only option to put solar on roof. Planner Alvin Allen explained that the petitioner could come back to the commission with an application to redesign the entire structure that would include the garage rather than submitting a new application for the garage itself to the commission in response to the petitioners' concerns over their ability to install a new structure to replace the existing model in light of the commission's decision to deny their previous application for a garage installation. The petitioner stated that he would be withdrawing this application.

Decision:	Application withdrawn by petitioner
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RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 7837)

80 Cornell Street

80 Cornell Street: Erect new garage and installation of mini-split unit

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Garage: The petitioner had stated that the new garage to be constructed will be attached to an existing structure located in the rear of the house, and will be comprised of a top half made of stucco as well as a bottom half made of cedar shakes to better match the style of the house, The roof of the garage will be asphalt with a flat roof car port extension coming out of the garage door. Commissioner Kroll expressed concern over the design of the posts of the car port of the garage being square and not matching the decorative posts located on the front porch of the house to which the petitioner said that the posts would be square to match existing posts of the second-floor porch. The petitioner then said that the facade of the garage door would be made to replicate barn doors and that the color of garage windows would be black in response to a question by commissioner Kroll on the design of the garage windows. Commissioner Kroll asked for clarification by the petitioner on the exterior design of the structure. The petitioner responded saying that the top half of the exterior would be made of stucco and the bottom half would made of cedar shakes. Commissioner Walsh then explained that under the hardship guidelines, the application does fall under the criteria for a hardship certificate, and emphasized that, although the existing structure is not historic in nature, that the attempt to redesign the

structure in order to have it appear more historic would be cause to support the application. Commissioner Walsh stated that to enhance the historic character of the house the garage proposal should be approved. Commissioner Nardi and principal planner Allen recommended that the petitioner come back to ask permission to redesign the adjacent structure to the garage to which the petitioner agreed. Mini Split: Commissioner Walsh questioned the visibility of the units to which the petitioner answered that it would be located in rear and back corner of property.

Public Comment:	Jim Boone of 97 Florida Street spoke in opposition to the application for the garage
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Motion:	Build two-car garage in back of house as designed in plan, with condition that he co to redesign adjacent structure to garage. Application to Install mini split systems as
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Vote:	Chairman Walsh	Yes (garage), yes(mini-split)	Commissioner McFarland	
	Vice Chairman Nardi	Yes(garage), yes (mini-split)	Commissioner Kroll	No(g
	Commissioner Crowell	Yes(garage), yes (mini-split)		

Decision:	Garage (Denied), Mini-split (Approved)
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2. Petition (ID # 7838)

194 Sumner Avenue

194 Sumner Avenue: Replacement of tile roof with asphalt shingles

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner Walsh stated that the interior of the house had nothing to do with approval of roof replacement to answer the petitioner's question of the interior damage of the house as sufficient cause to replace the roof. The petitioner stated that, after consulting with multiple contractors, that the terra-cotta roofing process was extremely difficult to perform on the entire roof, and that the petitioner could not find any contractors willing to repair or replace the roof with new terracotta. The individual had entertained the idea of keeping the terracotta roof on the front portion of the roof and installing asphalt on the front porch. Commissioner Kroll then entertained idea of placing a metal roof of similar style to the terracotta roof to which the petitioner responded saying they did not look into that option. Commissioner Nardi suggested plastic versions of the terracotta pattern to which petitioner again stated that they did not look into. The petitioner suggested using asphalt that paired well with the color and style of house. Commissioner Crowell then questioned if the original model of the house was not of the stucco and terracotta style, since the house was remodeled in 1912 and no pictures had been found of the house pre remodel, and if it would be possible that those was more of the slate variety. The petitioner then suggested that the material was most likely slate due to the lack of structural integrity of the original clay material. The petitioner sided with Commissioner Nardi and was open to new alternative materials that resembled the current style of the roof. The current owner of the house then came forward to speak and stated that he was told that the original

style of house was shingle-style. Commissioner Crowell questioned why the petitioner cannot replace the roof if it matched the original style since the stucco and clay style is a revision and not an original style. Commissioner Nardi suggested that the current style of the roof is what is of concern due to its unique design. Commissioner Walsh then stated that all avenues should be explored to try and preserve the clay roof style of the house.

Public Comment:	Jim Boone of 97 Florida Street spoke in opposition of application, Deborah shay of spoke in opposition, Ralph slate of 270 Longhill St spoke in opposition of application park civic association spoke in opposition
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Motion:	To continue application to next meeting (02/01) but with stipulation to request ext
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Decision:	Continued to next meeting (02/01)
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RESULT: **CONTINUE VOTE [4 TO 0]**
AYES: Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
ABSENT: Bryan Mcfarland, Vincent Calcasola

3. Petition (ID # 7839)

190 Bowdoin Street

190 Bowdoin Street: Solar installation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Principal Planner Alvin Allen explained to the Commission that the petitioner was unable to attend so items 3-8 as well as the environmental review for 111-113 Bay Street cannot be heard. Mr. Allen also informed the Commission that the applications need to clear additional approvals with Zoning Department before returning before the Commission at next meeting (02/01) Mr. Allen will follow-up with Zoning to confirm signs meet zoning ordinances.

RESULT: **LAY ON TABLE**

4. Petition (ID # 7840)

1030 Worthington Street

1030 Worthington Street: Roof replacement, solar installation, and interpretive signage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Principal Planner Alvin Allen explained to the Commission that the petitioner was unable to attend so items 3-8 as well as the environmental review for 111-113 Bay Street cannot be heard. Mr. Allen also informed the Commission that the applications need to clear additional approvals with Zoning Department before returning before the Commission at next meeting (02/01) Mr. Allen will follow-up with Zoning to confirm signs meet zoning ordinances.

RESULT: **LAY ON TABLE**

5. Petition (ID # 7841)

1105 Worthington Street

1105 Worthington Street: Roof replacement, solar installation, and interpretive signage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Principal Planner Alvin Allen explained to the Commission that the petitioner was unable to attend so items 3-8 as well as the environmental review for 111-113 Bay Street cannot be heard. Mr. Allen also informed the Commission that the applications need to clear additional approvals with Zoning Department before returning before the Commission at next meeting (02/01) Mr. Allen will follow-up with Zoning to confirm signs meet zoning ordinances.

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE

6. Petition (ID # 7842)

120 Clarendon Street

120 Clarendon Street: Erect interpretive signage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Principal Planner Alvin Allen explained to the Commission that the petitioner was unable to attend so items 3-8 as well as the environmental review for 111-113 Bay Street cannot be heard. Mr. Allen also informed the Commission that the applications need to clear additional approvals with Zoning Department before returning before the Commission at next meeting (02/01) Mr. Allen will follow-up with Zoning to confirm signs meet zoning ordinances.

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE

7. Petition (ID # 7843)

57 Bowdoin Street

57 Bowdoin Street: Erect interpretive signage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Principal Planner Alvin Allen explained to the Commission that the petitioner was unable to attend so items 3-8 as well as the environmental review for 111-113 Bay Street cannot be heard. Mr. Allen also informed the Commission that the applications need to clear additional approvals with Zoning Department before returning before the Commission at next meeting (02/01) Mr. Allen will follow-up with Zoning to confirm signs meet zoning ordinances.

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE

8. Petition (ID # 7844)

86 Bowdoin Street

86 Bowdoin Street: Erect interpretive signage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Principal Planner Alvin Allen explained to the Commission that the petitioner was unable to attend so items 3-8 as well as the environmental review for 111-113 Bay Street cannot be heard. Mr. Allen also informed the Commission that the applications need to clear additional approvals with Zoning Department before

returning before the Commission at next meeting (02/01) Mr. Allen will follow-up with Zoning to confirm signs meet zoning ordinances.

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE

V. Environmental Reviews

1. Petition (ID # 7845)

111-113 Bay Street

111-113 Bay Street: Erect interpretive signage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Principal Planner Alvin Allen explained to the Commission that the petitioner was unable to attend so items 3-8 as well as the environmental review for 111-113 Bay Street cannot be heard. Mr. Allen also informed the Commission that the applications need to clear additional approvals with Zoning Department before returning before the Commission at next meeting (02/01) Mr. Allen will follow-up with Zoning to confirm signs meet zoning ordinances.

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE

VI. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

VII. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission

1. Informational (ID # 7565)

Public Speak-Out Session

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Petitioners for the closed matter regarding 83 Buckingham Street came forward and asked the commission if their application would be heard. Commissioner Walsh then responded saying that their matter had already been closed. The petitioners responded by saying that they had not received any notice of a decision on this matter. Planner Alvin Allen then informed the portioners that their matter had been accepted by default as a decision on the matter had not been made by the commission within the 60-day deadline to do so. Commissioner Walsh recommended to the petitioners that, though approved, the petitioners should ensure that the work done to the house adhere to the historic guidelines of the neighborhood and that if there were any changes that were not in the original application that they were required to come before the commission for approval of those changes.