



Historical Commission

Regular

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Vincent Walsh

Thursday, April 4, 2024

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on April 4, 2024 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Acceptance of Minutes

1. Thursday, February 15, 2024
2. Thursday, March 21, 2024

III. Public Hearings (Continued)

1. Petition (ID # 7901)

91-97 Chestnut Street

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

HISTORY:

02/15/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Discussion: No discussion on the matter

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue to next available meeting

Decision: Continued

03/21/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 04/04/24

Discussion: No discussion on the matter

Public Comment: None

Motion: Continue application to next meeting (04/04)

Decision: Continued

2. Petition (ID # 7841)

1105 Worthington Street

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

HISTORY:**01/18/24 Historical Commission LAY ON TABLE****02/01/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**

Discussion: The petitioner stated that they would be replacing the lower roof located in the rear of the property with luma roofing resembling a cast slate model. The petitioner stated that the roof would have a blue tint color in response to a question by Commissioner Walsh pertaining to the color of the roof. Commissioner Nardi then asked if this application would have the same stipulation for the conduit as 1030 Worthington Street. Commissioner Walsh

then asked to see a rendering of where the conduit could be located for the house to which the petitioner stated that the electric meter for the panels would be located on the side of the house in a visible location. Commissioner Walsh then stated that he liked both images but stated that he would prefer a continuation to present a more complete picture of the plan. Mr. Gaby then stated that he would need a 30-day extension on his deadline in order to gather the required materials.

Public Comments: Roberta Walker Kilkenny of 1104 Worthington Street spoke in opposition to the application (by letter).

Motion: Continue to next available meeting

Decision: Continued to next available meeting and granted 30-day extension

02/15/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Discussion: No discussion on the matter

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue application to next available meeting

Decision: Continued

03/21/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**Next: 04/04/24**

Discussion: The petitioner (Mr. David Gaby) stated that they had consulted with their contractors for this project. They stated that the company informed them that the conduits for the units would be located on the interior of the property, and that all meters for the solar panels would be located next to other electric meters on the exterior side of the property. Commissioner Walsh asked if the petitioner could discuss with the contractors on the relocation of the electric meter to a less visible location. The petitioner stated that they would look into further discussions with the solar company. The petitioner then stated that they could perform landscaping work on the property to cover up the meters, if need be, to which Commissioner Walsh stated that would be a last resort option.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Continue application to next meeting (04/04)

Decision: Continued

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.

3. Petition (ID # 7947)

208 Belmont Avenue

208 Belmont Avenue: Front porch renovations (floor, columns, railings, lattice)

HISTORY:

03/21/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 04/04/24

Discussion: Ronald Bridges spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Commissioner Walsh asked how the spindles on the front porch would be configured to which Mr. Bridges stated that they would replicate the original porch in design and material. Mr. Bridges stated that the columns of the front porch would be similar in design to the original columns and be made of solid cement. Commissioner Walsh then expressed concern over the circumference of the new posts to which Mr. Bridges stated that the circumference would be a hair slimmer than the original columns. Mr. Bridges added that he had tried to find bigger columns but none could be found. Commissioner Walsh emphasized that the new columns should be larger than what Mr. Bridges was proposing. Mr. Bridges then stated that the porch hand railings would be made of wood and would mimic the previous railings. Commissioner Walsh suggested that the petitioner consider pipe railings but stated that he was fine with the railing style be the same as the previous style. Commissioner Zorzi then asked about the height of the new columns to which Mr. Bridges stated that the columns would be 8 feet tall. Commissioner Kroll asked if the design would be the same as the original columns to which the petitioner stated that they would have the same design as the previous columns. The petitioner stated that he could inquire on getting wider columns. Commissioner Walsh stated that he would be fine with the new columns circumference but that he wished that the columns were larger. The petitioner stated that all other designs and styles of the porch would match the previous porch. Commissioner Walsh asked if the petitioner would be ok to inquire on larger-sized columns to which the petitioner stated yes.

Public Comment: Harry Seymour spoke in favor of the application; David Gaby spoke in favor of the application.

Motion: To continue application to next meeting (04/04), in order to source wider columns.

Decision: Continued

4. Petition (ID # 7950)

134 Buckingham Street

134 Buckingham Street: Replacement windows

HISTORY:

03/21/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 04/04/24

Discussion: The petitioner, Mr. Joe Johnson, stated that he would be replacing all of the first-floor windows but would be returning for projects pertaining to the front door and porch structures of the house. Commissioner Walsh expressed concern over the location of the replacement windows' grids being on the interior of the window. The petitioner indicated that to put the grids on the exterior of the windows would cause great financial hardship. Principal Planner Alvin Allen then showed a picture of the proposed windows. Commissioner Walsh explained to the petitioner that the Commission would need more information pertaining to the size of the windows. The petitioner

then explained that the windows would sit directly on the sill and would be black in color. Commissioner Walsh then suggested that the Commission continue the application for the petitioner to explore more options that would involve the window grids to be located on the exterior of the window in a manner that would not cause financial hardship.

Public Comment: Lloyd Creswell spoke in favor of the application

Motion: To continue the application to the next meeting (04/04) for the petitioner to explore more window options.

Decision: Continued

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 7960)

65 Sumner Avenue

65 Sumner Avenue: Several exterior renovations converting former commercial building to school/administration operations building

2. Petition (ID # 7961)

54 Buckingham Street

54 Buckingham Street: Front and side porch renovations, in addition to modification to rear egress landing.

V. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

VI. Environmental Reviews

VII. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission

1. Informational (ID # 7962)

CPA Historic Determinations / Project Reviews

Discussion: Community Preservation Act Historic Determinations / Project Reviews

a) **Colony Hills LHD:** Request of CPA funds for restoration of deteriorated lamp posts

2. Informational (ID # 7963)

665 Cottage Street

665 Cottage Street: Section 106 Review

3. Informational (ID # 7952)

Public Speak-Out Session

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