



Historical Commission

Regular

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Vincent Walsh

Thursday, May 16, 2024

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on May 16, 2024 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Acceptance of Minutes

1. Thursday, May 02, 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

04/04/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 04/18/24

Petitioner requested additional time for their application prior to the meeting. No further discussion by the Commission.

04/18/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 05/02/24

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue the matter to the next available meeting (05/02/2024)

Decision: Continued

05/02/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 05/16/24

Discussion: Principal Planner Alvin Allen stated that the petitioner had informed him that they would not be in attendance for the meeting and had requested a continuance of their application. Commissioner Walsh asked Principal Planner Allen if there was a limit on the number of times applicants could request an extension. Principal Planner Allen stated that there was not a limit to the number of extensions they could request.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To continue the matter to the next available meeting (05/16/2024)

Decision: Continued

2. 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

04/04/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**Next: 04/18/24**

Principal Planner, Alvin Allen, informed the Commission that he would be receiving a request from the petitioner for a thirty-day extension to the deadline of the application. Commissioner Kroll asked why the item needed an extension to which Mr. Allen stated that the extension was needed due to the deadline for the Commission to decide on the matter occurring prior to the next meeting date.

04/18/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**Next: 05/02/24**

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue the matter to the next available meeting (05/02/2024)

Decision: Continued

05/02/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**Next: 05/16/24**

Discussion: Principal Planner Alvin Allen stated that the petitioner had informed him that they would not be in attendance for the meeting and had requested a continuance of their application.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To continue the matter to the next available meeting (05/16/2024)

Decision: Continued

IV. Public Hearings (New)**1. Petition (ID # 8027)**

66 Dartmouth Street

66 Dartmouth Street: Installation of solar panels**2. Petition (ID # 8028)**

188 Florida Street

188 Florida Street: Front porch renovations (floor, columns, foundation)**3. Petition (ID # 8029)**

226 Sumner Avenue

226 Sumner Avenue: Replacement windows**4. Petition (ID # 8030)**

300 Forest Park Avenue

300 Forest Park Avenue: Replacement windows

5. Petition (ID # 8031)

213 Pine Street

213 Pine Street: Construction of two new duplexes

6. Petition (ID # 8032)

55 Emery Street

55 Emery Street: Replacement of storefront windows, re-installation of canopy, infill doors/doorways for security purposes (remediation of stop work order, 3/26/2024), and remediation of unauthorized exterior window color (grey to white).

V. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings**VI. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission****1. Informational (ID # 8033)**

101 State Street (Section 106 Review)

101 State Street (Section 106 Review): Antenna installation

2. Informational (ID # 8034)

Public Speak-Out Session

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