



Historical Commission

Regular

~ Minutes ~

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.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Vincent Walsh	Chair, RAPV Representative	Remote	
Alfonso Nardi	Vice-Chair	Present	
Judith Crowell	CPC Representative	Absent	
Walter Kroll		Present	
Marisa Zorzi		Present	
Vana Nespor		Present	

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

03/21/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 04/04/24

04/04/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 04/18/24

04/18/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 05/02/24

05/02/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 05/16/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Commissioner Nardi asked if the application had enough time left, with regards to its deadline, before the Commission had to make a decision. Principal Planner Alvin Allen and Planning Intern Evan Mastroianni informed Commissioner Nardi that the application had two more meetings left before its deadline.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue to next available meeting (06/06/2024)

Decision: Continued

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [5 TO 0]	Next: 6/6/2024 5:30 PM
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell	

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

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

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

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Ronald Bridges spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Bridges stated that they could not locate or source the 10-inch in circumference front porch columns that were recommended by the Commission. Mr. Bridges stated that his only feasible replacement option were the original columns that he had proposed to the Commission. Commissioner Kroll asked what the design of the railings would be. Mr. Bridges stated that the front porch railings would be wooden models and would be 38 inches in height to comply with code regulations. Mr. Bridges stated that all railings and stairs of the front porch would be made of pressure-treated lumber. Commissioner Kroll asked for a further explanation of the design of the railings to which Mr. Bridges stated that the balusters would sit in a channel between the top and bottom of the railings. Mr. Bridges also stated that the front porch step railings would be designed of a similar style to the railings and balusters on the front porch. Mr. Bridges then stated that the hand railings would come from the middle of the two columns outwards and down the steps of the front porch. Mr. Bridges stated that the columns' style and design would be similar to the previously installed columns apart from the larger circumference. Principal Planner Alvin Allen then asked that the Commission consider adding a stipulation to the decision, if approved, for all pressure-treated lumber to be painted within one year.

Public Comments: Harry Seymour spoke in favor of the application.

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness with the stipulation that all pressure-treated material be painted within one year

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 8027)

66 Dartmouth Street

66 Dartmouth Street: Installation of solar panels

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Commissioner Nardi recommended that the application be continued due to the applicant not being in attendance.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue to next available meeting (06/06/2024)

Decision: Continued

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [5 TO 0]	Next: 6/6/2024 5:30 PM
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell	

2. Petition (ID # 8028)

188 Florida Street

188 Florida Street: Front porch renovations (floor, columns, foundation)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Alex Kurodich spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Kurodich stated that he had already been approved for this project by the Commission. Mr. Kurodich then explained that nothing would change with regards to the project apart from the color of the porch flooring being clear coated rather than painted. Commissioner Nardi then asked if the color of the paint was the only thing that the petitioner was changing to which MR. Kurodich stated yes.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell

3. Petition (ID # 8029)

226 Sumner Avenue

226 Sumner Avenue: Replacement windows

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: John Pitro spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Pitro stated that the petitioner would be installing new windows to the second floor of the house. Mr. Pitro also stated that all aspects of the new windows would remain similar to the previously installed windows except for the exterior color of the windows, and the material of the new windows. Mr. Pitro stated that the new windows would be of a composite material and that the exterior color would be black. Mr. Pitro then provided a sample of the new windows to the Commission. Mr. Pitro reiterated that the design and style of the windows would remain the same as the previously installed models. Mr. Pitro stated the new windows would have half-screens in response to a question by Commissioner Nardi. Mr. Pitro stated that the storm windows would likely be discarded and thrown out when asked by Commissioner Nardi what would happen to the original storm windows. Mr. Pitro stated that the new windows would not have any grids on them as the original windows were also one over ones.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To approve application for certificate of appropriateness

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell

4. Petition (ID # 8030)

300 Forest Park Avenue

300 Forest Park Avenue: Replacement windows

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Eric Braaten, the owner of the property, and Matthew Pelletier spoke on the matter. Commissioner Nardi read the contents of the application. Mr. Pelletier stated that the new windows would be of a double-hung Acclaim series composite model. Mr. Pelletier stated that the new windows would be white and would match the design and style of the previous window models.

Public Comments: Harry Seymour spoke in favor of the application

Motion: To approve application for certificate of appropriateness

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell

5. Petition (ID # 8031)

213 Pine Street

213 Pine Street: Construction of two new duplexes

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Victoria Vikhrev and Oleg Katalnikov spoke on the matter. Commissioner Nardi read the contents of the application to the Commission. Ms. Vikhrev stated that they would be building two duplexes and presented design and elevation plans to the Commission. Ms. Vikhrev asked if they could make efforts to remediate neighborhood concerns surrounding the design of the proposed units, such as constructing a single door in the front of the home rather than two doors. Commissioner Nardi asked if they had considered placing one door to the side of the building for one dwelling and one door on the front of the house for another dwelling. Ms. Vikhrev stated that they had not yet considered such an option. Commissioner Nardi then asked if the petitioners would be willing to either change their floor plan, or request a continuation to their application in order to have more time to gather and make possible revisions that better complimented the neighborhood. Ms. Vikhrev asked if vinyl siding would be a more appropriate model for the design of the house. Commissioner Nardi stated that the Commission could not advise on the matter.

Public Comments: Erica Swallow of the Springfield Preservation Trust spoke in opposition to the application (by letter), Harry Seymour spoke in opposition to the application.

Motion: Continue to next available meeting (06/06/2024)

Decision: Continued

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [5 TO 0]	Next: 6/6/2024 5:30 PM
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell	

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).

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Principal Planner Alvin Allen stated that the petitioners had requested a continuation of their application.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue to next available meeting (06/06/2024)

Decision: Continued

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [5 TO 0]	Next: 6/6/2024 5:30 PM
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell	

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Principal Planner Alvin Allen stated that the Verizon Wireless is requesting a Section 106 Review for the installation of antennas to the property. Principal Planner Allen also stated that, due to its prominent location and historical significance, staff had attempted to contact the project managers, but had not heard back from them as of yet. Principal Planner Allen then presented design plans for the proposed antennas on the property, and stated that there were already antennas on the property and that this project would be made as an addition to those already installed antennas. Commissioner Kroll stated that it would be best for a representative of the project to come, and give more detail on the proposed installation. Commissioner Nardi agreed and advised that the Commission move to continue the matter until a representative can be found to speak on the matter.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Continue to next available meeting (06/06/2024)

Decision: Continued

RESULT:	COMMITTEE	Next: 6/6/2024 5:30 PM
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2. Informational (ID # 8034)

Public Speak-Out Session

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Harry Seymour spoke to congratulate Dr. Vana Nespor on her appointment to the Springfield Historical Commission.

Public Comments: None

Motion: None

Decision: None