



Historical Commission

Regular

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Vincent Walsh

Thursday, August 1, 2024

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on August 1, 2024 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Acceptance of Minutes

1. Thursday, July 18, 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

05/16/24 **Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 06/06/24

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

06/06/24 **Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 06/20/24

Discussion: Principal planner Alvin Allen stated to the Commission that the petitioners had requested a 30-day extension to their application and for the matter to be continued.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To continue the application to the next available meeting (06/20/2024)

Decision: Continued

06/20/24 **Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 07/18/24

Discussion: Commissioner Walsh asked planning staff how much time was left on the application. Principal Planner Alvin Allen stated that the application deadline was July 24th.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To continue the application to the next available meeting (07/18/2024)

Decision: Continued

07/18/24 **Historical Commission CONTINUE**
Next: 08/01/24

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Motion: To continue the matter to the next available meeting 8/1/2024

Decision: Continued

2. Petition (ID # 8143)

43 Ingersoll Grove

43 Ingersoll Grove: Replace cedar shakes with vinyl siding

HISTORY:

07/18/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE**

Next: 08/01/24

Discussion: Principal Planner Alvin Allen informed the Commission that the petitioners requested a 30-day extension of their application and for the matter to be continued to the next available meeting.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To approve a 30-day extension request for the application; to continue the application to the next available meeting 8/1/2024.

Decision: Continued

3. Petition (ID # 8149)

92 Buckingham Street

92 Buckingham Street: Side porch renovations and foundation repairs

HISTORY:

07/18/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 08/01/24

Discussion: Ann Haughton spoke on the matter. Ms. Haughton stated that she was proposing to excavate along the northern facade of the house foundation and repair the foundation. Commissioner Walsh asked if Ms. Haughton would be replacing the entire foundation or if she would just be repairing the foundation of the house. Ms. Haughton stated that a portion of the foundation was to be replaced, and added that she would be replacing the exterior brick foundation with identical materials, designs and styles to the original exterior foundation. Commissioner Walsh recommended that the application for foundation work be changed to one of non-applicability to which Ms. Haughton agreed, and changed the application for foundation work to one of non-applicability. Ms. Haughton also stated that she was proposing to reconstruct the southern façade side porch on the house. Ms. Haughton stated that her goal was to make the side porch look the same as the front porch. Ms. Haughton stated that, while she did not have a rendering of the side porch design, she would model it after the front porch design. Ms. Haughton also petitioned that she be allowed to leave the previously installed elements of the side porch deck flooring and frame in place. Commissioner Walsh advised that the porch flooring might need to be redesigned to be more of a tongue and groove flooring style. Commissioner Walsh added that the elevated height of the porch looked ok but advised Ms. Haughton to go to the code enforcement office for more guidance. Commissioner Walsh added that the porch height might make it difficult for Ms. Haughton to change the porch flooring to a tongue and groove model. Commissioner Kroll added that the lack of visibility of the floor boards on the side porch would allow for Ms. Haughton to leave the side porch flooring in place. Ms. Haughton then asked if she could add an extra concrete step to mitigate the gap between the side porch and the existing concrete steps. Commissioner Walsh stated that the steps might have to be removed in order to remediate the gap. Ms. Haughton then asked if the existing flooring on the side porch could be left in place. Commissioner Walsh stated that the flooring could be left as it appeared to be in a non-visible location. Commissioner Nardi suggested that the stair item could be continued and the porch item

be decided on as Ms. Haughton would need to build the porch in order to decide how to construct the adjacent stairs. Commissioner Nardi also suggested that Ms. Haughton could place tongue and groove style flooring over the current flooring to make the flooring appear historical. Ms. Haughton agreed with Commissioner Nardi's suggestion. Commissioner Walsh then suggested that the porch item be decided on tonight but the stair item should be continued. Principal Planner Alvin Allen then advised that when Ms. Haughton return for the stairs is when she should also inform the Commission what floor pattern she will be proposing. Commissioner Walsh then advised that Ms. Haughton change the application to one of hardship to which Ms. Haughton agreed and changed the application to one of hardship.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To issue a certificate of non-applicability for the foundation; to issue a certificate of hardship for the reconstruction of the left side porch with the exception of the side porch steps (will replicate front porch in design and materials); to continue the matter concerning the steps to the next available meeting, 09/05/2024

Decision: Approved (side porch reconstruction); Continued (side porch steps)

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 8166)

27-29 Dartmouth Street

27-29 Dartmouth Street: Front porch renovations

2. Petition (ID # 8167)

11 High Street

11 High Street: Replacement windows

3. Petition (ID # 8168)

53 Fairfield Street

53 Fairfield Street: Replace roof shingles, slate to asphalt

4. Petition (ID # 8169)

34 Westernview Street

34 Westernview Street: Replace roof shingles, slate to asphalt

5. Petition (ID # 8170)

55 Emery Street

55 Emery Street: Remediation of three doorways

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

HISTORY:

05/16/24 **Historical Commission COMMITTEE**

06/06/24 **Historical Commission**

06/20/24 **Historical Commission**

07/18/24 **Historical Commission**

2. Informational (ID # 8171)

Public Speak-Out Session

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