



Historical Commission

Regular

~ Minutes ~

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.

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

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

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

05/16/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 06/06/24

06/06/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 06/20/24

06/20/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 07/18/24

07/18/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE

Next: 08/01/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Motion: To continue the matter to the next available meeting (08/15/2024)

Decision: Continued

RESULT: CONTINUE**Next: 8/15/2024 5:30 PM****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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Matt Besler spoke on the matter. Mr. Beisler stated that, upon further research, he had found that replacing the existing cedar shakes with replacement cedar shakes would not be financially feasible, and stated that it would cost an additional \$25,000 for just purchasing the cedar shakes. Mr. Beisler then presented a quote sheet to the Commission detailing the prices of other siding options. Mr. Beisler also presented a quote to the Commission detailing the price of replacing the cedar shakes with vinyl shake-style models. Mr. Beisler then went on to state that, due to high material costs, the siding replacement he would be proposing would be a vinyl clapboard-style, and presented renderings of the house with the proposed siding for reference. Mr. Beisler added that the top gable portion of the house would contain vinyl shake-style siding. Mr. Beisler also stated that the proposed vinyl clapboard siding would be textured to mimic wood siding, and would closely match the original siding's exterior color. Commissioner Kroll asked Mr. Beisler if he was proposing to replace the cedar shingles with a similar style model to which Mr. Beisler stated that he would only be proposing clapboard-style shingles, and that the other quotes he had included were only for cost comparison purposes. Commissioner Nespor asked what the reason was for the shingle replacement. Mr. Beisler answered that the replacement was due to water damage caused by the deteriorated shingles. Mr. Walsh then read the criteria for issuing a certificate of hardship aloud. Commissioner Nespor then asked Mr. Beisler how long ago it was that he purchased the property to which Mr. Beisler stated that he had purchased it in 2022, and stated that the work done to the property's windows which was originally approved by the Commission was never completed. Commissioner Walsh then stated to the Commission that the proposed clapboard siding option was what they were deciding on. Commissioner Nardi asked if the project could be done in phases to make

the project more financially feasible. Mr. Beisler stated that due to the cost of set up fees associated with the project, it would make it more cost effective to have the project done all at once. Commissioner Nardi then asked if Mr. Beisler had considered installing vinyl clapboard only in non-visible areas of the house. Mr. Beisler stated that the contractors he had spoken with could only install vinyl siding to the house. Commissioner Nardi recommended that a vinyl shake-style siding might be a more appropriate replacement option.

Public Comments: Jennifer Rao spoke against the application (by letter); Jim Boone spoke against the application (by letter); Ed Zuckerman, of 28 Ingersoll Grove, spoke in favor of the application; Edward Bowler, of 51 Ingersoll Grove, spoke in favor of the application; Mike Ostrovsky, of 50 Ingersoll Grove, spoke in favor of the application.

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of hardship.

Decision: Denied

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 4]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Vana Nespor
NAYS:	Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll, Marisa Zorzi

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Ann Haughton spoke on the matter. Ms. Haughton stated that since she last spoke with the Commission, she had learned that the side porch would need to be completely rebuilt. Ms. Haughton stated that the new side porch would replicate the design and style of the front porch of the house. Commissioner Walsh asked if the new roof of the side porch would be pitched to which Ms. Haughton stated that it would be in deed pitched. Ms. Haughton also stated that the concrete steps that were originally installed on the side porch would remain, and that she was proposing to add an additional concrete step to the stairs. Ms. Haughton asked if, due to the fact that the side porch would be rebuilt to match the style and design of the front porch, if she could change the application to one of appropriateness. Commissioner Walsh stated yes and the application was changed to one of appropriateness.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness to rebuild a new side porch to match the design and material of the front porch.

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 8166)

27-29 Dartmouth Street

27-29 Dartmouth Street: Front porch renovations

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Michael and Paul Foster spoke on the matter. Mr. Foster stated that, due to deterioration as well as maintenance concerns, he was proposing to replace the existing front porch flooring with new Azek tongue and groove composite model. Commissioner Walsh then asked if the front porch railings were being replaced to which Mr. Foster stated yes but that work would be done at a later date. Commissioner Nardi asked if the tongue and groove flooring would have a seal at the end of it to which Mr. Foster stated yes.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

2. Petition (ID # 8167)

11 High Street

11 High Street: Replacement windows

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Bill Butler and John Coloma spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Butler stated that they would be replacing 329 windows on the property with vinyl interstate 6800 series windows of a bronze exterior color and with matching exterior grids to the original windows. Mr. Butler then presented a physical sample of the proposed window to the Commission. Mr. Butler stated that

aside from the material, the style and design of the proposed windows would be the same as the original windows.

Public Comments: David Bornstein spoke in favor of the application

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

3. Petition (ID # 8168)

53 Fairfield Street

53 Fairfield Street: Replace roof shingles, slate to asphalt

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Thomas and Nancy Moriarty spoke on the matter. Commissioner Walsh asked Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty how much it would cost for the slate roof to be replaced with a new slate roof. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty presented estimates for \$269,000 and \$97,000 to replace the roof with new slate shingles, and then presented an estimate for \$27,000 to replace the slate roof with the proposed architectural asphalt shingles. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty stated that, due to increasing degradation and damage, they were proposing to replace the main roof with architectural asphalt shingles. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty went on to state that they had desired to preserve the slate roof, but that they were forced to consider replacing due to the cost of preserving/replacing the slate roof, and stated that the proposed roof would closely resemble the style of the original roof. Commissioner Nardi asked Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty what color the proposed drip edge would be for the new roof. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty stated that they did not know what the color of the drip edge would be, but believed that it would be of a white exterior color. Commissioner Walsh then asked Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty if they knew why the two estimates for a slate to slate replacement were varied so drastically in price. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty responded by stating that they did not know why the two estimates were so different in price.

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

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of hardship (architectural shingles to be of slatestone grey style).

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

4. Petition (ID # 8169)

34 Westernview Street

34 Westernview Street: Replace roof shingles, slate to asphalt**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Discussion: Zack, of Venture Solar, spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Zack stated that due to the lack of structural support for the previously approved solar panel installation to the house, they would be seeking to replace the slate roof with a proposed architectural shingle model. Commissioner Nespor asked if the proposed roof replacement was just for the sections of the roof that would contain solar panels. Zack stated that the proposed roofing replacement was for the entire roof of the house. Commissioner Walsh stated that he would like to know more about the condition of the existing slate roof. and stated that the presented pictures did not give enough information on what the roof's current state was. Commissioner Kroll advised that it might be best for members of the Commission to conduct a site visit to the property to properly assess, and understand the current state of the roof. Commissioner Walsh agreed with Commissioner Kroll and recommended that a motion be made to continue the matter to allow for a site visit to be conducted.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To continue the matter to the next available meeting (08/15/2024)

Decisions: Continued

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/15/2024 5:30 PM
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	

5. Petition (ID # 8170)

55 Emery Street

55 Emery Street: Remediation of three doorways**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Discussion: David Bornstein spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Bornstein stated he was proposing to install a stenciled sign to the top portion of the building overlooking East Columbus Avenue. Mr. Bornstein added that the proposed stenciled sign was, in the property owner's opinion, a more historically appropriate option for installing a sign on the property. Mr. Bornstein stated that he was also proposing to install three permanent doors with black metal gates in front of the doors onto three entryways located on the East

Columbus Avenue, Emery, and Boylston Street facades. Mr. Bornstein also presented renderings of the proposed doors and gates to the Commission. Mr. Bornstein added that the proposed doors would be models that were salvaged from structures of a similar time period and style. Mr. Bornstein went on to state that the proposed doors would be faux models and would be used for purely aesthetic purposes.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness

Decision: Approved

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion: Planning Intern Evan Mastroianni informed the Commission that the project manager had not yet obtained a letter of authorization from the property owner, and would not be able to come before the Commission tonight. Commissioner Walsh then recommended that the Commission continue the matter until the next available meeting, and allow time for the project manager to obtain a letter of authorization from the property owner.

Public Comments: None

Motion: To continue the matter to the next available meeting (08/15/2024)

Decision: Continued

2. Informational (ID # 8171)

Public Speak-Out Session

Public Speak-Out Session**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Motion: None

Decision: None