



Historical Commission

Regular

~ Minutes ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Vincent Walsh

Thursday, December 5, 2024

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on December 5, 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	Absent	
Walter Kroll		Absent	
Marisa Zorzi		Remote	
Vana Nespor		Present	

II. Acceptance of Minutes

III. Public Hearings (Continued)

1. Petition (ID # 8289)

3 Clarendon Street

3 Clarendon Street: Several exterior renovations (Appropriateness), Relocate utility meter from interior to exterior façade (Hardship)

HISTORY:

10/17/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 11/21/24

11/21/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE**
Next: 12/05/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The application was found to be approved in part, denied in part and not applicable in part:

Non-Applicability Approved: Replacement of two rear exterior doors, deemed to be non-visible from the public way.

Hardship Denied: The proposed re-siding of the building with new vinyl siding with matching dutchlap pattern is denied because the Petitioner failed to supplement the application with the information needed for the Commission to render a decision. The Petitioner may reapply to perform the work relating to the siding upon submitting the requested information.

Appropriateness Approved: The approved exterior renovations and repairs include:

- The replacement of the existing roof shingles, asphalt to asphalt;
- The replacement of all windows with Pella Reserve, dark exterior colored vinyl double hung windows that match the existing size with the exterior grid pattern to be prairie style-over-one pane windows;
- The reconstruction of the front porch flooring & foundation with tongue and groove materials, as well as rebuilding the lattice, posts and decorative style - all to be the same design;
- The replacement and repair of damaged soffit and fascia with matching materials;
- The repointing of the brick foundation;
- The realigning/repointing of the chimney, with the four sides to match the existing double side;
- The replacement of the right side entry porch's structural posts, guardrails, handrails, stair treads, lattice (which is to remain the same design) and flooring with tongue and groove materials;
- The replacement of four basement windows with new black vinyl insulated windows with three pane profile; and
- The repointing of the foundation to remove existing asphalt and replacing with a pitched concrete slab.

RESULT: **PASSED/VETO [4 TO 0]**
AYES: Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor
ABSTAIN: Judith Crowell
ABSENT: Walter Kroll

2. Petition (ID # 8327)

94 Elliot Street: Paint

94 Elliot Street: Paint exterior facades of structure

HISTORY:

11/21/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 12/05/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The approved project involves painting of the front porch with the color pallet presented in the application and during the December 5, 2024 hearing. The primary color will be dark blue in color - termed "Polo Blue" (2062-10), while the accent color will be whitish in color - termed "Cloud Nine" (C-119).

RESULT: **APPROVED [4 TO 0]**
AYES: Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor
ABSENT: Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

3. Petition (ID # 8329)

63 Clarendon Street: Chimney

63 Clarendon Street: Deconstruct/shorten chimney height

HISTORY:

11/21/24 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 12/05/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Petitioner was proposing to shorten/deconstruct the chimney above the roof line; the Commission denied the application because the Petitioner failed to appear at multiple hearings to present the application. The Petitioner may reapply to perform the work relating to the chimney at their convenience.

RESULT:	FAILED [0 TO 4]
NAYS:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

4. Petition (ID # 8337)

175 Mill Street: Shed

175 Mill Street: Remediate unapproved construction of storage shed (stop work order issued 8/22/2024)

HISTORY:

11/21/24 **Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 12/05/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The approved project involves the construction of a new shed, which shall conform to the plans presented in the application and during the December 5, 2024 hearing, specifically Sheet No. A-2 of those plans submitted for the December 5, 2024 Continued Hearing (presented to the Commission as "New Architectural Plans" and also in the document titled "175_Mill_Street_Updated_Renderings").

The roof shall have asphalt shingles; the exterior materials of the shed shall consist of clapboards and corner boards; the windows shall be black to resemble the primary building, as well as resemble the windows in the submit plans; the door shall resemble the plans and finished as described during the hearing (a sheet of plywood encased with a ¼ inch sheet of PVC); and the facades of the building shall resemble those in the aforementioned plans, including the placement of the doors and windows.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

IV. Public Hearings (New)**1. Petition (ID # 8373)**

141 Pinewoods Avenue: Heat Pump

141 Pinewoods Avenue: Installation of heat pump to rear of property

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The approved project involves the installation of a heat pump and conduit on the rear façade of the primary building as presented in the application and during the December 5, 2024 hearing. Only one conduit leading from the pump into the building shall be installed, and shall be painted to color match the building.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

2. Petition (ID # 8374)

184 Thompson Street: Steps, Railings, & Window

184 Thompson Street: Replace front and rear steps and railings. Replacement of third floor window

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The approved project involves the reconstruction of the front and back steps, in addition to the replacement of the attic window, as presented in the application and during the December 5, 2024 hearing. The work approved includes:

Front Steps: Reconstruction of the front steps to match what is currently existing, using pine wood and using a black pipe railing extending the full length of the steps.

Back Steps: Reconstruction of the four-foot by four-foot rear porch to match what is currently existing, using pine wood and using a black pipe railing extending the full length of the steps.

Window: Replacement of the third-floor attic window with a single-hung (the upper sash being fixed), black exterior color, vinyl window that has a two-over-two grid pattern that are placed on the exterior of the glass (outside facing).

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

3. Petition (ID # 8375)

25 Marengo Park: Roof and Solar Panels

25 Marengo Park: Replace slate roof with asphalt. Installation of solar panels.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Applicant failed to appear before the Commission. Application continued to next meeting - Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 5:30 PM.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [4 TO 0]	Next: 12/19/2024 5:30 PM
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor	
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll	

4. Petition (ID # 8376)

96 Firglade Avenue: Windows

96 Firglade Avenue: Replacement windows

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Commission voted to perform a site visit to inspect the wooden windows to determine if they could be salvaged. Application continued to next meeting - Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 5:30 PM.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [4 TO 0]	Next: 12/19/2024 5:30 PM
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor	
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll	

V. Environmental Reviews

1. Petition (ID # 8377)

86 Sherman Street: Porch and Roof

86 Sherman Street: Front porch full renovation and replace roof shingles

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Commission found that there was no adverse impact upon mitigating several measures during the hearing. The proposed project was accepted as amended:

- Removal and replacement of the existing porch frame;
- Installation of 12 new concrete supports for the porch base;
- Installation of fir wood tongue and groove flooring;
- Construction of a four-step stairway to the main entrance (wood material);
- Installation of railings around the porch to duplicate the original railings (as depicted in the historical photograph submitted during the hearing) and black pipe rail above original rail to meet building/code height;
- Utilization of a black pipe rail for the entry stairway;
- Framing and installation of wood lattice and fascia board under the porch to duplicate the original lattice work depicted in the historical photograph submitted during the hearing;
- Building 12 support columns and horizontal 4x6 beams for the roof/ceiling;
- Framing the roof and utilize rubber roof should the roof not contain a pitch; otherwise asphalt shingles;
- Installation of wood soffit and fascia boards; and
- The reuse of the existing post brackets; otherwise they shall be duplicated.

Voting for: Walsh, Nardi, Nespor, Zorzi

Voting against: None

Abstaining: None

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Marisa Zorzi, Vana Nespor
ABSENT:	Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

VI. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

VII. Protocols for Historical Review of Municipally Owned or Funded Projects

1. Informational (ID # 8378)

ES Oak Street: Renovations to Former Fire Station

ES Oak Street, 09182-0219 (Former Indian Orchard Fire Station): Renovations to former fire station to repurpose for new land use (community center), utilizing public funds.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Commission supports the proposed project as presented. No formal decision given; however, the Commission provided recommendations pertaining brick and mortar and demolition delay process for the rear addition.

RESULT:	RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED
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VIII. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission

1. Informational (ID # 8379)

1355 Liberty Street: Antennas

1355 Liberty Street (Section 106 Review): Proposed to collocate antennas

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Springfield Historical Commission has made the determination that *the proposed changes will not be any more detrimental to the building than what is already in existence* regarding the proposed collocation of antennas on the existing building at 1355 Liberty Street in Springfield, MA, as proposed during the Commission's meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Further, the proposed work will not have any potentially negative or adverse impacts on this structure or any other historic resources within proximity.

RESULT:	RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED
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2. Informational (ID # 8380)

Public Speak-Out Session

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