



Historical Commission

Regular

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on March 20, 2025 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Minutes Approval

1. Thursday, March 06, 2025

III. Public Hearings (Continued)

1. Petition (ID # 8477)

3 Clarendon Street (Siding)

3 CLARENDON STREET: Siding Replacement

HISTORY:

03/06/25

Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 03/20/25

William Brock, from the City's Office of Housing, was before the Commission on behalf of the Applicant to present the application. He advised that the existing siding contains asbestos, which was the impetus for the Application for Certificate of Hardship - to install new vinyl siding. Upon approval of the siding, the project will be able to move forward this spring.

Chair A. Nardi asked if the proposed vinyl siding would replicate the historic character of the building; W. Brock responded in the affirmative, but advised that instead of the paneling, clapboard siding would be used. There will be no change to the porch trim, which was addressed in the previous application.

Commissioner V. Nespor asked if any of the rotting boards would be replaced; W. Brock responded that they would be where needed and could come back before the Board should it require.

Commissioner M. Zorzi asked if the asbestos siding would be removed or wrapped; W. Brock responded that the existing siding would be wrapped and the new vinyl siding would be placed on top of the existing siding.

Discussion ensued as to what specific siding would be installed. The Commission determined that the historic photograph depicted an approximate 4-inch clapboard board, which matched with the example siding in the submitted brochure on Page 11.

Commissioner V. Walsh sought clarification about the corner boards, window siding, etc., and their efforts to match the historical nature of the building. Chair A. Nardi advised that the plan was to match the details except for the solid panels.

W. Brock advised that the program likely did not cover the solid paneling; however, would need to verify, and will want to ensure that the owner was not spending money that would need to be paid back.

The Commission concluded that the soffit style most resembled the examples in the brochure on Page 20.

With no public comment, the Commission informed W. Brock that he should come back with information pertaining to the soffit and trim.

Commissioner W. Kroll made a motion to continue the hearing to March 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner V. Nespor. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Petition (ID # 8479)

50 Riverview Terrace (Windows)

50 RIVERVIEW TERRACE: Replace Windows

HISTORY:

03/06/25

Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 03/20/25

Fatema Alhussein and Uday, as well as their representative from Green Collar, Daryl, were before the Commission to present the application, which entailed the replacement of windows.

Daryl advised that the landowner was looking to replace the existing wooden windows with triple pane vinyl, which would contain exterior mullions and be desert sand in color. The mullions could only be placed on the upper sash, as the two sash would not be able to pass by one another should a mullion be placed on the bottom pane.

Commissioner W. Kroll confirmed with Daryl that the window itself would sit approximately one inch below the frame.

Chair A. Nardi confirmed that the lower mullions that are currently existing on the wooden windows would be eliminated on the new vinyl windows. As an alternative, Daryl provided that the mullions on the lower sash could be placed on the inside of panes. Daryl confirmed that the storm windows would not be retained.

Commissioner W. Kroll confirmed that the desert sand color was the same color as the sample window that was brought to the meeting.

Commissioner V. Walsh questioned the assertion that the mullions could not be placed on the outside of the window; Commissioner W. Kroll and Daryl advised that it was a product of the manufacturer and this type of window.

No public comment was provided.

Chair A. Nardi asked if the mullions pertaining to the third-floor windows would remain; Daryl answered yes. After further discussion, the Commission confirmed that because the third-floor windows opened outward, that is why the mullions were able to be retained.

Commissioner M. Zorzi inquired about the lighter color window proposed. The Commission confirmed using the historical photograph that the windows were a lighter color in the past. Commissioner V. Nespor inquired if the windows could open outward to maintain the mullions. Daryl responded that they could be; however, the Commission found that the aesthetics would change dramatically.

Commissioner W. Kroll asked the landowners if they looked at other windows. Uday responded that they did; however, the project would become cost prohibitive, as 56 windows are being replaced.

Chair A. Nardi opined that architecturally, because of the third floor windows and them maintaining the mullions, he thought the proposal could work.

A discussion ensued about the inclusion of screens; should the applicant install screens, the lack of mullions on the lower stash may be hidden and not as apparent.

Commissioner V. Walsh advised that in the past, the Commission have made people have exterior mullions and cautioned about moving away from that position.

Daryl reaffirmed that many of the windows contained broken ropes or do not line up and not closing correctly.

Chair A. Nardi opined that when reviewing the pictures, there were maintenance issues.

Uday reinforced that various windows were not reparable and that heating bills were exceeding \$2,400.

Commissioner V. Walsh observed that some windows have already been replaced when other windows may be able to be repaired.

Clarification was offered regarding the scheduling and the implications of voting. Should the application be denied, the landowner would need to reapply with a different application. Staff Member A. Strniste advised that if the application was continued, it would be continued to March 20; however, if it was denied, an application would not be heard until at least April 3.

Commissioner V. Nespor advised that the Commission seemed to have reservations about not having lower mullions.

Commissioner V. Walsh offered that there may be a compromise. For example, upon a site visit, perhaps only the street facing windows need to strictly adhere to the policy of ensuring that there are lower mullions. Chair A. Nardi agreed that a site visit would be fair. The applicant agreed to the site visit.

Commissioner W. Kroll made a motion to continue the hearing to March 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Zorzi. With no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 8536)

14 Fairfield Street (Windows)

14 FAIRFIELD STREET: Replace Two (2) Windows

2. Petition (ID # 8537)

175 St. James Avenue (Solar)

175 ST. JAMES AVENUE: Solar Powered Panels

3. Petition (ID # 8538)

123 Ingersoll Grove (Garage Door)

123 INGERSOLL GROVE: Replace Wooden Garage Doors

4. Petition (ID # 8539)

E S Ingersoll Grove (06925-0025) (Duplex)

ES INGERSOLL GROVE (06925-0025): Construction of a Duplex

5. Petition (ID # 8540)

34 Kopernik Street (Duplexes)

34 KOPERNIK STREET: Construction of Duplexes

V. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

1. Petition (ID # 8541)

765 East Columbus Avenue (Demolition)

765 EAST COLUMBUS AVENUE: Demolition of a Commercial Building

VI. CPA-Related Requests (letters of Support and Determination of Eligibility)

1. Informational (ID # 8542)

2612 Main Street (Rehabilitation Plan)

2612 MAIN STREET: Comprehensive Rehabilitation Plan

2. Informational (ID # 8543)

Court Square (Well Spring Church) (Roof)

COURT SQUARE (WELL SPRING CHURCH): New Roof

3. Informational (ID # 8544)

1 Stearns Square (Reconstruct Bench)

1 STEARNS SQUARE (STEARNS SQUARE): Repair and Reconstruction of Bench

4. Informational (ID # 8545)

Buckingham Street & Buckingham Terrace (Fountain & Grounds)

BUCKINGHAM STREET & BUCKINGHAM TERRACE: Buckingham Fountain and Grounds Restoration

5. Informational (ID # 8546)

45 Buckingham Street (Stained Glass)

45 BUCKINGHAM STREET (ST PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH): Stained Glass Window Restoration

6. Informational (ID # 8547)

101 Mulberry Street (Roof)

101 MULBERRY STREET: New Roof

7. Informational (ID # 8548)

140 Chestnut Street (Exterior Restoration)

140 CHESTNUT STREET (KIMBALL TOWER): Exterior Restoration and Stabilization

8. Informational (ID # 8549)

49 Chestnut Street (Windows & Doors)

49 CHESTNUT STREET (D'AMOUR MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS): Windows and Door

9. Informational (ID # 8550)

21 Edwards Street: Exterior Restoration

21 EDWARDS STREET (ELIJAH BLAKE HOUSE): Exterior Restoration

10. Informational (ID # 8551)

1155 Main Street, 113 State Street, 11-21 Stockbridge Street (Site Acquisition)

1155 MAIN STREET (COLONIAL BLOCK), 113 STATE STREET (CLOCKTOWER BUILDING), 11-21 STOCKBRIDGE STREET: Site Acquisition

VII. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission**1. Informational (ID # 8552)**

Standard Guidelines for Those LHDs Without Specific Guidelines

STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR THOSE LHDs WITHOUT SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

2. Informational (ID # 8553)

Administrative Updates

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

3. Informational (ID # 8554)

April 3, 2025 Quorum Call

APRIL 3, 2025 QUORUM CALL

4. Informational (ID # 8555)

Public Speak-Out Session

PUBLIC SPEAK-OUT SESSION

