



Historical Commission

Regular

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Thursday, April 3, 2025

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on April 3, 2025 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Andrew Strniste		Present	
Vincent Walsh	RAPV Representative	Present	
Alfonso Nardi	Chair	Present	
Judith Crowell	CPC Representative	Present	
Walter Kroll		Present	
Marisa Zorzi		Present	
Vana Nespor		Late	5:55 AM

II. Minutes Approval

1. Thursday, March 20, 2025

III. Public Hearings (Continued)

1. Petition (ID # 8538)

123 Ingersoll Grove (Garage Door)

123 INGERSOLL GROVE: Replace Wooden Garage Doors

HISTORY:

03/20/25 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 04/03/25

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chair A. Nardi provided an overview of the project and why the hearing was continued. Regina and Scott Jenkins were back before the Commission to discuss the application.

R. Jenkins advised that the only change to the application from the previous hearing related to the 8-pane windows being changed to 6-pane windows. The windows could not be enlarged due to the crease in the door required for when the door goes up and down. The proposed 6-pane windows will make the each grouping of windows look larger.

Tim Kirk, from 105 Ingersoll Grove asked if the windows could be single-pane windows. The Commission reviewed the original window from the historic photograph, which showed six-pane windows. T. Kirk advised he liked the updated design better than the originally submitted design.

Chair A. Nardi asked if the applicant looked into single-pane windows. R. Jenkins responded that they had proposed multiple panes to mimic the historical design, which Commissioner J. Crowell reaffirmed.

Commissioner W. Kroll made a motion to approve the replacement of the existing wood garage doors with the steel insulated garage door, maroon in color, with four 6-pane windows towards the top of the garage, as presented at the hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. With no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Walter Kroll
SECONDER:	Judith Crowell, CPC Representative
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi
AWAY:	Vana Nespor

2. Petition (ID # 8539)

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

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

HISTORY:

03/20/25 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 04/03/25

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chair A. Nardi provided an overview of the project and why the hearing was continued. Regina and Scott Jenkins, as well as Kevin Hadley were back before the Commission to discuss the application.

K. Hadley advised that he modified the proposed design so that the porch spanned the entire front of the building. There will be one entrance to the building with a vestibule entrance.

Chair A. Nardi inquired as to the finished materials; K. Hadley responded that the proposal remains shingles and clapboards.

A discussion ensued about the railings - K. Hadley advised that they are proposing the standard three foot railings. Commissioner V. Walsh asked if the railing height could be consistent with the historic height with a black pipe railing. Chair A. Nardi advised that the historic height was typically to the window sill height. Commissioner V. Walsh also inquired as to whether the railings associated with the steps could also be black pipe railings - one on each side.

Chair A. Nardi advised that he was glad to see the one-door entry and was confirmed that there would be a water shield underneath the shingles. The Commission confirmed that the spindles on the railing would conform to the historic standards - the handrail would go over the top and the spindles will sit in the rails.

Chair A. Nardi clarified that previous public comment had been submitted into the record. Chair A. Nardi and Commissioner W. Kroll read additional public comment into the record.

In response to J. Boone's revised comments, Chair A. Nardi advised that the proposed duplex satisfies the zoning requirements and that the reason of its placement was because of those standards.

Clarification regarding the black pipe railings was provided by the Commission.

Commissioner V. Nespor made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner W. Kroll. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Vana Nespor
SECONDER:	Walter Kroll
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

3. Petition (ID # 8540)

34 Kopernik Street (Duplexes)

34 KOPERNIK STREET: Construction of Duplexes

HISTORY:

03/20/25 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 04/03/25

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chair A. Nardi provided an overview of the project and why the hearing was continued. Matt Campagnari was back before the Commission to discuss the application.

M. Campagnari advised that new plans were submitted, which included the following changes: front porches would span the entire building for both buildings, square windows on top, updated corner boards, added lineals around front windows, will be using shake siding on the upper gable for one of the duplexes and scallop siding on the upper gable for the other. No storm windows will be used; black windows and black doors on both duplexes. M. Campagnari advised that he was willing to utilize the black pipe railing.

Commissioner V. Walsh advised that the Commission generally likes tongue and groove fir wood for the front porch - opposite of trex and pressure treated wood.

Tom Dugal, from 115 Primrose Street, advised that he would be in favor of the application if the project included the following features: a single front door, variation in design, differing color schemes from one another, half circle window, lattice skirting and more windows on the sides. M. Campagnari advised that he would install a single front door on both duplexes; one duplex would be olive green and the other would white; and the lattice would be wooden and designed to be picture frame and 45 degree box.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to approve the project as submitted with the various details agreed too. The details agreed to include wooden lattice skirting, tongue and groove flooring, black pipe railing, black door, scallops on one duplex and scallops on the other. The motion was seconded Commissioner W. Kroll. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative
SECONDER:	Walter Kroll
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 8556)

102 Dartmouth Street (Solar)

102 DARTMOUTH STREET: Installation of Solar Powered Panels

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that prior to the evening's hearing, he was informed that the slate roof was proposed to be replaced with an asphalt shingle roof, which was not warned on the notice. Therefore, he recommended that the Commission continue the hearing to the April 17, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner W. Kroll made a motion to continue the hearing to the April 17, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/17/2025 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Walter Kroll	
SECONDER:	Judith Crowell, CPC Representative	
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	

2. Petition (ID # 8557)

264 Sumner Avenue (Window)

264 SUMNER AVENUE: Re-establishment of an Historic Window

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ahron Lerman was before the Commission on behalf of his parents, the landowners, to present the application - to re-establish an historic window.

A. Lerman advised that as they were performing inside renovations, they discovered a five-foot by two-and-half-foot long historic window, which appears to be in its original state. There appears to be no issues to the framing.

Chair A. Nardi inquired about removing the siding and establishing trim. A. Lerman informed the Commission that they were intending to match the existing trim, keeping the window black. A. Lerman confirmed that the window was not located in an inconvenient location - such as in a stairwell.

A nearby neighbor and family friend, Robert Dashevsky, from 328 Forest Park Avenue, informed the Commission that he was in support of the application, and that the discovery of the window was exciting to see and will enhance the inside of the building while adding a touch of what use to be.

Commissioner W. Kroll made a motion to approve the application as presented with the exterior trim to match the other existing trim. The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Zorzi. Commissioner V. Walsh clarified that the application does not qualify as a non-applicability application because of the siding modifications; should the frame be in a worse shape than originally though, the frame should be consistent with the other windows that exist. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Walter Kroll
SECONDER:	Marisa Zorzi
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

3. Petition (ID # 8558)

200 Florida Sheet (Mini-Split)

200 FLORIDA STREET: Installation of a Mini-Split HVAC System

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Diogo Blanco from 108 Wildflower Circle in Westfield, Massachusetts was before the Commission on behalf of the landowner to present the application.

D. Blanco informed the Commission that the landowner was looking to install central air; however, the duct work was not sufficient to support it on the second floor, and therefore, are looking to install mini-splits. Since there is not a lot of space to run the lines in the attic, the conduits will need to be installed on the exterior side walls, which will be covered by a brown casing. D. Blanco confirmed that some of the conduit equipment will be seen from Florida Street; the compressor will not be visible from the public right of way.

Commission V. Walsh inquired about the width of the casing; D. Blanco advised that the casing will be 3.5 inches.

D. Blanco advised that he will submit the digital plans.

A discussion ensued about the placement of the conduits. D. Blanco informed the Commission that drainage is a consideration when installing the conduits, as pumps are not desirable.

Commissioner W. Kroll inquired as to whether the conduit on the southeast of the building can be situated so that it goes straight down, rather than at an angle; D. Blanco confirmed that that could be done.

No public comment was provided.

Commissioner W. Kroll made a motion to approve the application with the details provided and having the conduit on the southeast side of the building being re-situated to go straight down. The motion was seconded by Commission V. Walsh. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Walter Kroll
SECONDER:	Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

4. Petition (ID # 8559)

70 Buckingham Street (Planter Boxes & Trellis)

70 BUCKINGHAM STREET: Planter Boxes and Garden Trellis with Gates

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ashley Patridge and Victoria Bailey Chance from 70 Buckingham Street were before the Commission to present the application.

V. Chance advised that they would like to remove the chain link fence and construct garden beds using a brick color that is the same as the sidewalk, as well as paint the wood. They are also planning to install garden trellises to have the plants grow up the trellis.

Commissioner V. Walsh inquired as to if the garden beds would need permits from the Building Department. V. Chance advised that their preference is to remove the chain link fence. Further discussion ensued as to whether building permits were required.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to continue the hearing to April 17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner W. Kroll. Chair A. Nardi inquired as to what would happen during the winter months; V. Chance advised that they are hoping to plant seasonal plants. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/17/2025 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative	
SECONDER:	Walter Kroll	
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	

5. Petition (ID # 8560)

110 Thompson Street (Windows, Roof & Garage)

110 THOMPSON STREET: Replacement Window & Boarded Windows, Roof, and Garage Repairs

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Steven Brantley from 42 Arbutus Street was before the Commission to discuss the application on behalf of the landowner Maria Parkinson.

S. Brantley commenced with explaining that Maria Parkinson's family had own the building for awhile, but had been previously mismanaged; however, M. Parkinson is doing her best to restore the building to the best of her ability. S. Brantley then stated that there were structural issues, and when he started working on the project, M. Parkinson had appreciated his work. S. Brantley then explained that the Building Department had recommended that the full-sized windows be replaced, which was done without the proper approvals. The original windows were then restored without further approval. Now, they are seeking to reinstall the smaller sized windows, which would be with tempered glass, as required the Building Department.

Commissioner V. Walsh confirmed that there were already existing white vinyl windows. S. Brantley informed the Commission that the proposed windows had to be at least 36 inches above the tub line. Commissioner V. Walsh asked if all of the windows were vinyl, which S. Brantley responded in the affirmative.

S. Brantley inquired as to whether there was a time-limit for the work to be performed; the Commission advised that time limits are typically tied to work that proceeded without the proper approvals.

Chair A. Nardi read the written public comment into the record.

Clarification regarding the windows were discussed.

Commissioner V. Walsh confirmed that the sill and trim will match the rest of sills and trims on the exterior of the house, as well as confirmed that there are no original windows that existed.

Chair A. Nardi confirmed with St. Brantley that the windows to be replace would be around the same size as the kitchen window and matching the existing trim, as well as confirmed the other proposed repairs and the proposed shingle replacement aspects of the project.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to accept the application to replace the first and second bathroom windows, as presented; to remove and replace the roof shingles with new architectural shingles; to repaint the exterior the garage; to repair and repaint the garage door; to repair and repaint the garage roof. The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Zorzi. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative
SECONDER:	Marisa Zorzi
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

6. Petition (ID # 8561)

110 Thompson Street (Siding)

110 THOMPSON STREET: Installation of Vinyl Siding

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Steven Brantley from 42 Arbutus Street was before the Commission to discuss the application on behalf of the landowner Maria Parkinson.

S. Brantley informed the Commission that M. Parkinson wants to preserve the building and has been impressed with his work. S. Brantley advised that he could see the hardship of the landowner due to the incremental payments being sent to him for the work being performed.

Chair A. Nardi sought clarification of the two options presented to the Commission; S. Brantley advised that the first option was preferable. Chair A. Nardi advised that the second option would be a Non-Applicability application.

Commissioner V. Walsh informed the Commission that he could not vote in favor of the proposed application.

Chair A. Nardi opined that to correctly maintain the siding, it would need to be sanding down the clapboard.

S. Brantley advised that clapboards would be replaced where needed.

Commissioner V. Walsh informed S. Brantley that replacing clapboard siding with vinyl is typically a last resort; S. Brantley inquired about different options.

Commissioner V. Walsh recommended continuing the hearing to allow the Commission to perform a site visit.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to continue the hearing to the April 17 meeting. Commissioner W. Kroll seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/17/2025 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative	
SECONDER:	Walter Kroll	
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor	

V. CPA-Related Requests (Letters of Support and Determination of Eligibility)

1. Informational 2025-19

Buckingham Street & Buckingham Terrace (Fountain & Grounds Restoration)

BUCKINGHAM STREET & BUCKINGHAM TERRACE: Buckingham Fountain and Grounds Restoration

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner W. Kroll recused himself from voting on the matter, as he would be presenting the request as the Chair of, and on behalf, of the McKnight Neighborhood Council.

W. Kroll informed the Commission that the McKnight Neighborhood Council was seeking to restore the triangle along Buckingham Street. The McKnight brothers had the forethought to include parks in the design of the neighborhood, which were given to the City - the Buckingham Triangle being one. In the past, the Triangle has hosted events. The McKnight Neighborhood Council is looking to restore the fountain so it once again works.

Commission V. Walsh made a motion to issue a letter of support for the proposed project at Buckingham Street and Buckingham Terrace. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative
SECONDER:	Judith Crowell, CPC Representative
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Zorzi, Nespor
RECUSED:	Walter Kroll

VI. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission

1. Informational (ID # 8563)

July 3, 2025 Meeting

JULY 3, 2025 MEETING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that with the July 3, 2025 meeting being on a regularly schedule meeting date, and with June 19, 2025 falling on a federal holiday, there would be a six week span where there would be no meeting. Therefore, he recommended that a special meeting be scheduled for Thursday, June 26, which would allow for a meeting in-between the two meetings spaced three weeks apart. Commissioners A. Nardi, M. Zorzi, and V. Nespor responded that they are tentatively available.

RESULT:	PASSED VOICE VOTE
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2. Informational (ID # 8568)

Community Preservation Committee Nomination/Appointment

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner J. Crowell advised that her term on the Community Preservation Committee was expiring and was wondering if any other Commissioners wanted to serve. At this time, all of the Commissioners had other conflicts or obligations. This item will be revisited in the future.

RESULT:	PASSED VOICE VOTE
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3. Informational (ID # 8564)

Standard Guidelines for Those LHDs Without Specific Guidelines

STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR THOSE LHDs WITHOUT SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that due to the length of the meeting, tabling the Standard Guidelines for those Local Historic Districts without Specific Guidelines is recommended. The Commission will review the proposed guidelines to be discussed at a future meeting.

4. Informational (ID # 8565)

Administrative Updates

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that two Certificates of Non-Applicability were issued since the last meeting - one relating to 136 Bowdoin Street for the purposes of repairing an existing chimney and one relating to 64 Thompson Street, which involved the replacement of white vinyl windows with white vinyl windows. One Letter of Support relating to the Watershops was issued for the purposes of Massachusetts Historical Tax Credits. Staff Member A. Strniste also advised that the Historical Ordinance Rewrite was getting to the final stages to be presented to the Commission in an upcoming meeting.

5. Informational (ID # 8566)

April 17, 2025 Quorum Call

APRIL 17, 2025 QUORUM CALL

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

All members of the Commission except for Chair A. Nardi will be available to attend the Commission's next meeting - Thursday, April 17, 2025.

6. Informational (ID # 8567)

Public Speak-Out Session

PUBLIC SPEAK-OUT SESSION

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.