



Historical Commission

Regular

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Thursday, May 1, 2025

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on May 1, 2025 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Minutes Approval

1. Thursday, April 17, 2025

III. Public Hearings (Continued)

1. Petition (ID # 8561)

110 Thompson Street (Siding)

110 THOMPSON STREET: Installation of Vinyl Siding

HISTORY:

04/03/25

Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

Next: 04/17/25

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.

04/17/25 **Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 05/01/25

The landowner requested the hearing to be continued to the May 1 meeting agenda to allow them to seek quotes to help demonstrate the hardship presented in the application. Commissioner V. Nespor made a motion to continue the hearing to the May 1 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Zorzi. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Petition (ID # 8587)

15-19 Litchfield Street (Rear Porch)

15-19 LITCHFIELD STREET: Rear Porch Modifications

HISTORY:

04/17/25 **Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE**
Next: 05/01/25

Victoria Vikhrev was before the Commission on behalf of the landowner to present the application.

V. Vikhrev informed the Commission that her work with the project started after it had been completed, which entailed getting a building permit. The City's Building Department had discovered that the rear three-story deck had been completed without a permit and approval from the Commission. To her knowledge, V. Vikhrev opined that the previous materials were pressure treated wood; however, did not have any photographs of the previous structure.

Acting Chair W. Kroll inquired as to whom the contract to build the porch was with; V. Vikhrev advised that property owner hired the contractor who rebuilt the decking and railings with pressure-treated wood, while the four-by-four column appeared to be the original column. The project was completed approximately two months prior. When asked if the deck was inspected, V. Vikhrev advised that the Building Department would not complete the inspection until the permit was pulled and the Historic Commission approved the application.

Discussion ensued regarding Commissioners V. Nespor's and M. Zorzi's question regarding the railings and floor boards changing in appearance. In addition, V. Vikhrev confirmed that the aluminum siding was removed and replaced with the pressure-treated railings.

Acting Chair W. Kroll opined that what was built looks better than what was previously there.

Discussion ensued about the spindles and how they were assembled.

Commissioner V. Walsh asked V. Vikhrev about her relationship with the property owner; V. Vikhrev advised that she was asked by the management company to help resolve the permitting issue.

Commissioner V. Walsh opined that the pictures seem to indicate that the project was completed properly; however, expressed concern that the owner or property management company did not show up for the evening's hearing, as he was looking for some additional information from them.

V. Vikhrev informed the Commission that the contractor was a relative and was unlicensed.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to continue the hearing to the May 1, 2025 agenda and to have a representative from the property management company or the property owner attend the hearing to answer questions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Zorzi. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 8598)

36 Westernview Street (Solar)

36 WESTERNVIEW STREET: Installation of Solar Power

2. Petition (ID # 8599)

130 Firglade Avenue (Solar)

130 FIRGLADE AVENUE: Installation of Solar Power

3. Petition (ID # 8600)

23 Spruceland Avenue (Replace Brick Steps)

23 SPRUCELAND AVENUE: Replace of Existing Brick Steps

4. Petition (ID # 8601)

29 Ingersoll Grove (Roof)

29 INGERSOLL GROVE: Replace Roof

5. Petition (ID # 8602)

6 Oxford Street (Windows)

6 OXFORD STREET: Replace Windows

6. Petition (ID # 8603)

N S Bay Street (01085-0033) (Duplex)

NS BAY STREET (01085-033): Construction of a Duplex

V. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

1. Petition (ID # 8604)

295 Pasco Road (Demo of a Garage)

295 PASCO ROAD: Demolition of Detached Garage

VI. CPC Historic Home Restoration Grants (Non-Hearings)

1. Informational (ID # 8605)

32 Fairfield Street (Non-Applicability): Exterior Restorations

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2. Informational (ID # 8606)

70 Cornell Street (Non-Applicability): Exterior Restorations

70 CORNELL STREET (NON-APPLICABILITY): Exterior Restorations

3. Informational (ID # 8607)

59 Firglade Avenue (Non-Applicability): Exterior Restorations

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VII. Section 106 Reviews (Non-Hearing)

1. Informational (ID # 8608)

2808 Main Street (Section 106: Exterior Renovations

2808 MAIN STREET: Exterior Renovations

VIII. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission

1. Informational (ID # 8609)

Indian Orchard Fire Station Preservation Restriction

INDIAN ORCHARD FIRE STATION PRESERVATION RESTRICTION

2. Informational (ID # 8610)

Scheduling Meeting Regarding Historical Ordinance Rewrite

SCHEDULING MEETING REGARDING HISTORICAL ORDINANCE REWRITE

3. Informational (ID # 8612)

Administrative Updates

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

4. Informational (ID # 8613)

May 15, 2025 Quorum Call

MAY 15, 2025 QUORUM CALL

5. Informational (ID # 8614)

Public Speak-Out Session

PUBLIC SPEAK-OUT SESSION