



Historical Commission

Regular

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Thursday, May 4, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 205

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on May 4, 2023 at City Hall -- Room 205, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas Belton		Absent	
Vincent Walsh	Chair	Present	
Alfonso Nardi	Vice-Chair	Present	
Judith Crowell	CPC Representative	Present	
William Duquette		Absent	
Bryan Mcfarland		Absent	
Walter Kroll	Alternate	Present	

II. Acceptance of Minutes

1. Informational (ID # 7347)

Acceptance of Minutes for Meeting Held April 6, 2023

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RESULT: RECEIVED THE REPORT - UNANIMOUS

III. Continued Public Hearings

1. Petition (ID # 7288)

325 Longhill Street: Installation of Porch Railings and Balusters

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HISTORY:

03/16/23 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

04/06/23 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mazhar Iqbal (homewoner) was present during hearing.

Chester Stefanik of 89 Longhill Street in Chicopee (contractor) was present to speak on behalf of the petition. He proposed removal and replacement of the first story metal fencing and replacing it with new railings to match existing second floor balcony. Materials will be similar wood with a cedar wood top rail. Railing will be painted to match existing.

Mr. Iqbal formally changed his application from Hardship to Appropriateness.

Robert Decker, 77 Federal Street, Millers Falls, MA spoke in favor of the petition.

Commissioner Nardi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioner Kroll. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Thomas Belton, William Duquette, Bryan Mcfarland

IV. New Public Hearings

1. Petition (ID # 7348)

35-37 Chestnut Street: Restoration of Stained-Glass Windows

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Donna Barten of 1399 North Grand Street West Suffield, CT was present to speak on behalf of the Christ Cathedral Church. Ms. Barten is proposing the restoration of the lower level stained glass windows to Nave, North and South transepts and vestibule.

Robert Decker, 77 Federal Street, Millers Falls spoke in favor of the petition.

Commissioner Nardi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioner Crowell. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
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2. Petition (ID # 7349)

137 Forest Park Avenue: Amendment to Solar Plans Approved on 3/16/2023

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Robert Decker of 77 Federal Street, Millers Falls, MA was present to speak on behalf of the petition for SunRun. The arrangement of the arrays were modified to allow for fire setbacks. Three panels were removed.

No public comment received.

Commissioner Crowell made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioner Kroll. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Thomas Belton, William Duquette, Bryan Mcfarland

3. Petition (ID # 7350)

278 Pine Street: Amendment to Solar Plans Approved on 3/16/2023

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Robert Decker of 77 Federal Street, Millers Falls, MA was present to speak on behalf of the petition for SunRun. The arrangement of the arrays were modified to allow for fire setbacks. Six panels were removed.

No public comment received.

Commissioner Kroll made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioner Crowell. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]

AYES: Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

ABSENT: Thomas Belton, William Duquette, Bryan Mcfarland

4. Petition (ID # 7371)

190 Longhill Street: Installation of Solar Panels

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Donald Gammon of 332 Main Street was present to speak on behalf of the petition for White Label Solar. Mr. Gammon proposed the installation of 13.26 kW solar panel system on main residence and detached garage. The property is setback from the main road substantially.

No public comment received.

Commissioner Crowell made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioner Kroll. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]

AYES: Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll

ABSENT: Thomas Belton, William Duquette, Bryan Mcfarland

5. Petition (ID # 7372)

57 Pineywoods Ave: Installation of Windows, New Construction of Rear Landing & Stairs, Demolition of Existing Second Story Rear Porch & Demolition of Existing Garage

57 Pineywoods Avenue: Installation of windows, new construction of rear landing & stairs, demolition of existing second story rear porch & demolition of existing garage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mike Nadeau of 1603 Russell Rd, Montgomery, MA was present to speak on behalf of the owner (Center for Human Development).

APPLICATION #4: The application for demolition of the carriage house/garage was formally withdrawn prior to the meeting. No action taken/needed by the Commission.

APPLICATION #1: Mr. Nadeau proposed the replacement of existing windows with Marvin Ultimate series wood windows with aluminum clad exterior. Replacement windows will match existing grid patterns and styles. Grids will be permanently affixed to exterior. Exterior color will be black.

No public comment received.

Commissioner Kroll made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioner Nardi. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

APPLICATION #2: Mr. Nadeau proposed the installation of newly constructed landing and back steps at the rear exit door, painted, pressure treated lumber as attached. The original steps and landing were removed years ago leaving a hazard as the exit door remains.

The Commission voted unanimously to continue the matter to the May 18th meeting to allow for a site visit to determine level of visibility and to allocate some time for contractor to consider alternative materials

APPLICATION #3: Mr. Nadeau proposed the removal of existing back deck that was added to the second floor porch roof as it was not original to the house, is unsafe and has significant rot damage to the framing, decking and railing. House will be restored to previous condition.

Harry Washington of 68 Washington Road spoke in favor of the petition.

Commissioner Nardi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioner Kroll. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Walter Kroll
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V. Preservation Restrictions

1. Informational (ID # 7351)

1394 (1386-1402) Main Street: Installation of New Storefront

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

David Shrair on behalf of Pynchon Associates, 1380 Main Street, Springfield was present to speak on behalf of the petition. Audrin Desardouin (tenant), of 1594 Main Street, Springfield was also present to speak on behalf of the petition. They are proposing to remove existing store front (doors & windows) and install new store front to match adjacent Subway Restaurant as per specifications as provided. Exterior will be black.

No public comment received

Commissioner Nardi made a motion to approve the project as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Kroll. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the project.

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE

VI. Other Matters Properly before the Commission

1. Informational (ID # 7373)

70 Chestnut Street, Hotel Stonehaven: Eligibility for National Register of Historic Places

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Alyssa Augenstein, 26 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI was present to speak on behalf of the matter. Property was acquired by Wynn Development in 2004. They would like to pursue Historic Tax Credits to aide in the rehabilitation of the property over the next 4-5 years. The property is not yet listed in the National Register, so the first step is finding it eligible. They need the Historical Commission

Built in 1929, it is the first hotel in the Sheraton line. It is also the first apartment-style hotel in Springfield. There is also a fall-out shelter. It is historically significant in its history and architecturally significant in it Renaissance Revival architecture.

Commissioner Nardi made a motion to confirm the property is historically significant. Seconded by Commissioner Kroll. Unanimously approved by the SHC.

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE

2. Informational (ID # 7352)

Section 106 Review: Longmeadow-Springfield Reconstruction Project (Columbus Avenue)

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Stephen Savaria of 1550 Main Street, Springfield of Fuss & O'Neill was present to speak on behalf of the federal aid high way project mostly in Longmeadow, with a small portion of the project in Springfield in South End/Forest Park. The intersection of Columbus Avenue and Forest Glen will be improved for traffic safety and efficiency. It will be widened at the intersection to accommodate more lanes for north/south travel and then will taper down to original width at the driveway of Forest Park. There will be a new sidewalk constructed along the east side of Columbus Ave that does not currently exist.

Deborah Shea asked whether there will be any tree takings. Mr. Savaria indicated that some trees will be removed, however replacement trees will be planted.

Patrick Burkhard of 194 Main Street, Monson, MA asked about the trees alongside Longmeadow portion of the project. They are not under the SHC's purview.

Commissioner Kroll made a motion to consider there is no adverse impact as a result of the project. Seconded by Commissioner Crowell. The SHC voted unanimously that there is no adverse impact as a result of the project.

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE

3. Informational (ID # 7353)

Discussion: Community Preservation Act Historic Determinations/Project Reviews

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- a. 1321 Dwight Street, New Bethel Church: Replace windows, railings & masonry

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

1321 Dwight Street

Joi-Faith Desrochers was present to speak on behalf of the project she hopes to obtain CPC funding for. Ms. Derochers discussed the scope of the project which includes masonry restoration work, windows and railings (Repoint brick work, replace chimney, paint and install new railings). They are not looking to alter the exterior, only to preserve. The church was built in 1923. It is one of five Jewish synagogues built in the north end.

Commissioner Nardi made a motion to confirm the property's historical and architectural significance. Seconded by Commissioner Kroll. The SHC voted unanimously that the property was historically significant based on its gothic architecture and historic significance.

Commissioner Nardi made a motion to confirm project is worthwhile. Seconded by Commissioner Crowell. The SHC voted unanimously to confirm the property's historical and architectural significance and that the work is worthwhile. They will need to come back before the Commission for specific project approvals.

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE

4. Informational (ID # 7354)

Discussion: CPC Historic Home Restoration Program - Review of Non-Applicability App

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- a. 2 Crescent Hill: Replace damaged siding, molding & masonry in-kind & repaint
- b. 62 Westminster Street: Repair of front and side porches
- c. 27 Clarendon Street: Repair of front upper and lower porches

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

2 Crescent Hill

Patrick Burkhard of 194 Main Street, Monson, MA was present to speak on behalf of the project.

The proposal is to remove/replace any loose, missing or deteriorated siding and crown molding to match in kind existing profiles. No change in design or material. Will repair exterior surfaces (walls, porches, windows, doors, trim and foundation repairs) and remove/replace defective areas to match existing materials. Prepare the surface for prime/paint. No change in design or material.

Commissioner Crowell made a motion to approve the Certificate of Non-Applicability. Seconded by Commissioner Nardi. The SHC voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Non-Applicability.

62 Westminster Street

Tracey Good of 62 Westminster Street were present to speak on behalf of the project.

The proposal is to repair original front and side porches, with no change in design or material. Work will include renewed brick piers, tongue and groove fir wood floors, and new turned columns matching the original design as is need to replace those that are too deteriorated to be reused. There will be no change in design or material.

NOTE: Chimney work, roof, windows, doors, foundation and gutters are not included in this application proposal.

Commissioner Kroll made a motion to approve the Certificate of Non-Applicability. Seconded by Commissioner Nardi. The SHC voted unanimously to approved the Certificate of Non-Applicability

27 Clarendon Street

Per the request of the petitioner, the SHC voted unanimously to continue the matter to the May 18th meeting.

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE

5. Informational (ID # 7355)

Discussion: Stop Works Updates

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a. Follow-up on Stop Work Orders referred to Law Department

1. 3 Sumner Avenue: Unauthorized utility meter
2. 65 Dartmouth Street: Unauthorized handicap ramp
3. 37 George Street: Unauthorized windows
4. 165 St James Avenue: Unauthorized garage

b. Follow-up on Stop Work Orders

1. 155 Longhill Street: Unauthorized porch renovation
2. 44 Buckingham Street: Unauthorized exterior repairs

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Stop Work Order Update - Attorney Shewchuk mailed out letters. He is unaware if there has been any response. No action taken.

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE

6. Informational (ID # 7356)

Discussion: New Construction Guidelines - Next Steps

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

New Construction Guidelines - The SHC discussed scheduling a separate meeting to discuss next steps.

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE

7. Informational (ID # 7374)

Public Speak-Out Session

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Harry Seymour of 68 Washington Road & Deborah Shea of discussed some of the concerns they are working on currently.

- Ensuring property owners who are in a historic district are aware.
- Historic Disclosure from Aurora, IL requiring the seller to disclose to the buyer the property is in a historic district. What are the consequences if they do not comply?
- They provided a draft for the SHC to review

RESULT: PASSED VOICE VOTE
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