

Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 126
Meeting Minutes, 25 July 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. Attending: Ron Regan (RR), Anita Rogers (AR), David Honn (DH), and Fran Arsenault (FA), David Shoemaker (DS). Chingsung Chang (CC, Selectmen Representative) absent.

7:30 pm **Citizen's questions** - none

7:33 Move to accept minutes from 25 July; approved unanimously.

7:35 Review Project Spreadsheet.

7:40 **Updates** Janet Adachi approaching MBTA on communications towers. DH to write a letter for support of the argument.

7:45 **School St 3-27 David Veo and Daniel Parazzo.** Town and the owners met with DH to discuss coordinated effort. DH indicated the interest of the HDC in planning in advance. The HDC sees significant value in a coordinated coherent design for this collection of spaces

7:53 **15 Newtown Road** Larry Li. (DS is recused.) LL needs some storage space given the lack of garage. Wants to make the design resemble the style of the house. 8'x10'. Siding is a vertical board engineered wood product. Roofing is asphalt. Door could be a commercial door or some of the siding panel. Trim to be pine a bit in the style of the house. Color to be the same as the house. The only window is at the back of the shed, not visible from the street. The shed is visible from the street. RR: what is the house siding? LL: cedar clapboard. RR: could be good to have a window visible from the street. AR: Minimally visible, small; not enthusiastic about the siding. May ask for screening. Trim might best be the same color as the building. Agreed that a window on the street side would be good; of course it would need to be wood, but could be a simple 'Barn' panel. DH: Barns typically are just pine boards, knots and blemishes, which are nailed up to form siding. The strand board is most useful if there are large surfaces to cover, but here with the small surface it will be quick, easy, inexpensive to use barn board. Barn board would be attractive. Some horizontal strapping or support needed to receive the nails. No paint is needed. A number of examples around town. If making a door, put on a diagonal to keep it from sagging. RR: Alternatively, could add battens (of 1x2 or just

strapping) at the strand board vertical grooves to give the strand board some more character. FA will be the liaison.

Motion to approve 8x10 gable roof shed, vertical strand board siding, with 1x2 nominal battens covering the vertical grooves. Siding and trim could be painted the same color as the house or be left as raw wood. The doors should be made from a strand board panel with 1x6 framing at the perimeter and a 1x6 diagonal member. Roof to be asphalt shingles, color to be similar to the house. Recommendation for 3-tab shingles to try to match the house shingles. Passed unanimously.

8:30 **502 Main Street.** Cate Russell. Has a window on 502 Main St. where the functionality is lost both due to disrepair and recent foam insulation interfering with the weight motion. Proposed to replace with a Brosco window. HDC recommends looking carefully at the window, and offers to look, to see if a repair would be possible – for aesthetics, and for longevity. Any new window would be heavier in all elements, giving it a clunky look. There are multiple windows and consistency is important. DH and DS will visit to assess the condition of the window.

8:45 Meeting adjourned.