



Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

5/14/2019

7:30 PM

Room 126, Town Hall, 472 Main St, Acton, MA 01720

Present: David Honn (DH), Anita Rogers (AR), Ron Regan (RR), Fran Arsenault (FA), Maria Crowley (MC), Art Leavens (AL).

Absent: David Shoemaker (DS), Dean Charter (DC) BOS liaison.

1. Opening

Chair David Honn opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

2. Regular Business

- A. Citizen's Concerns – DH noted that John Mangiaratti submitted a RFQ for design services for the Assa Parlin house. DH was invited to a meeting about the properties at the top of School Street (3-27) with Selby, John Mangiaratti, et al. to discuss a plan.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes – RR made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the meetings of April 23rd, DH seconded, motion approved unanimously.
- C. Review Project Tracking Spreadsheet – in two weeks we are going to have a presentation for proposed enhancements to Gardner field in West Acton.
- D. Chair's update on ongoing violations
 1. **Application 1817 - 39 School St.** – DH to FA tell Frank Marenghi that we are scheduling him at 8:15 at the next meeting to discuss porch and lighting issues.

3. New/Special Business [or other applicable agenda items]

- A. Application 1906 Replace Gutters at 3 Wood Lane by Carol and James Nagele

AL assigned Liaison, replace wood gutters with new Fiberglass gutters. The roof is a Mansard style. DH we need better photos of what is there now to make sure the new gutters are appropriate. The new gutters should match the look of what is there now, no K-style gutters. The downspouts should be round and not the corrugated rectangular style. The applicant supplied a pamphlet from the manufacturer, look for an option that matches. Let's assign May 28th at 8:45, FA will help AL with the abutters notices so we can vote at the next meeting and be done.

No motion or voting.

- B. Application 1907 Temporary Art Exhibit in front of library at 486 Main St. by Judith Aronstein for Mothers Out Front – Acton



Judith gave an overview of the art piece to be installed and the motivation. Acton has 200 gas leaks of various sizes through its infrastructure and the exhibit will have different size and color tubes representing each gas leak's severity. While these gas leaks don't represent an explosive danger, they damage and kill trees near the leaks and methane is 86 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. In 2013/14 the gas company was ordered to produce a map of the leaks and Acton High School students created a website with a map <https://gasleaks.info/>. DH – as this is temporary and will only be present for a few weeks this is a CNA, MC assigned liaison and will prepare the certificate.

No motion or voting.

C. Application 1829 Shielding of Propane Tanks at 43/45 School St. by Carolyn Read/Habitat for Humanity

AR is the Liaison; a landscaping plan was supplied to AR. The plan has plantings to shield the tanks and a "wood scraps" type trellis to put in front of the tanks, parallel to the side of the house. The plan has Clematis on the trellis. AR thinks Clematis isn't appropriate because it dies off in the cold season. There needs to be something more permanent like boxwood, holly or rhododendron. Where the tanks are is below grade of School St, so having some small evergreen plantings on the School St. side. DH we could have a small cedar fence with 1x6 and dog ear tops where the trellis was suggested, no taller than the tanks, to the bottom of the brick part of the house (above the stone.) RR – will the fence draw more attention to the tanks? The tanks should be painted a greyish brown to blend in with the stone foundation behind. AR will discuss with Carolyn and we will revisit at the next meeting.

No motion or voting.

4. Adjournment

At 9:05 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of May 14th, 2019;
- Application 1906 and pamphlet supplied by applicant for gutters; and
- landscaping plan for application 1829