



Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

01/14/2020

7:30 PM

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

Present: David Honn (DH), Anita Rogers (AR), Ron Regan (RR), Arthur Leavens (AL).

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

1. Opening

Chair David Honn opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

2. Regular Business Regular Business

- A. Citizen's Concerns – Brian Berkowitz contacted HDC looking for the certificate for application 1929; AR had filed it today and brought a copy to give to Brian.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes – AL said there was some left over text of previous notes in the minutes, and he sent a note to DS to update. We looked at the copy of the final notes in which the text had been removed. DH makes a motion to approve the minutes of 11/26, AR seconds, and the motion was approved 4-0.
- C. Review Project Tracking Spreadsheet – The public hearing for the Barn and Fence at 66 School St. (applications 1925 and 1926) and new garage at 3 Wood lane (application 1934) will take place at the next meeting on 1/28/20.
- D. Chair's update – DH writing letter to town for 2019 report. Things to include: Iron Works farm windows, temporary art exhibit about gas leaks at library, first geothermal install, lots of roofs, lots of letters. Discussed HDC retreat – AR suggested some sort of workshop or visit (like Gropius House). DH asked for members to come up with some ideas. AR offered to make two form templates for requests to the Assessor's Office for abutters list, and for the building department for the abutters notice that we can write up at meetings and leave for the town staff to process.

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

- A. Renovations at 48 School St. (application 2001 – to amend 1929 as 1929a) by Brian and Ann Berkowitz

AR liaison. Applicants present. Brian and Ann Berkowitz want to extend the updates on the kitchen to include a porch area on the east side facing the fire station. Proposal changes the pitch of the roof on that side, starting below the ridge extending out to the end of the porch from the back gable butting up to the back side of the front portion of the house. AR asked about bringing the edge of the new roof pitch in slightly to maintain the line of the existing gable using a knee wall for the pitch. Brian said the porch isn't that wide and he doesn't want to lose the space. That gable end is facing away from the street



and not visible. AL asked if the porch will be visible at all from School Street, and the Berkowitzs responded that it will be visible at a distance, from a vantage point past the fire station. RR asked whether the posts would be round or square? Brian said the posts will be square 6x6 PVC. AR said to use Azek wraps as they are paintable, DH adding that Azek is more stable and doesn't expand/contract as much as PVC. AR asked about the porch surface, and Brian said pavers. DH said that this can be an amendment to the previous application. AR makes a motion to add the described porch as an amendment to application 1929 (designated 1929a). AL seconds.

The motion was approved 4-0.

B. Roof repair at 64 School St (application 2002) by Patrick Cochran (for Judy Werner)

RR liaison. Applicant not present. This was a new application today to patch a section of damaged roof shingles to match. DH designated this a CNA that RR will file.

No motion.

Adjournment At 8:20 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 November 26th of 2019;
- Application 2001;
- Application 2002.