

Acton Historic District Commission

Room 126 Town Hall

8/28/2012 Minutes

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Meeting called to order at 7:30PM, Anita Rogers, Kathy Acerbo-Bachmann, Pamela Lynn, David Honn, in attendance. Ron Rose absent.

Citizens concerns: Mike Gowing thanked the commission for the work the HDC has done over the summer when other boards have lightened duty the HDC worked throughout the summer.

DH-what happened with 69 River St. fence violation? KA-B noted that as abutters she and DH cannot discuss but that the issue will be brought up at the 9-11-2012 meeting. DH requested, as a citizen, that the application be broken apart into the distinct properties by property lines, and request different abutters lists for each in order to widen the notice given.

Minutes for 8/14 and 8/21 approved by consent.

March 18th is the date for the "Historic Paint Workshop" a lecture by Susan Maycock co-sponsored by the library. Historic Commission will also be offered the opportunity to co-sponsor.

On the CPC applications for the funding of the train station landscaping- the DOR letters are in internal review process with the state.

25 Windsor Ave. has a satellite dish which they do not wish to remove at this time. Building department has flagged the property so that any application for a building permit will cause the owner to remove the dish in conjunction with the new work.

7:40PM WAVE Mathias Rosenfeld and Javier Ramirez, --Better scale on the middle building but cannot make the height of the second floor work for the stairs and elevator. Another iteration of the middle building has been presented- a cape with three dormers and an 8' covered porch with a flat roof. Drawing submitted noted with minutes.

KA-B- Is the porch wide enough to be useful? Perhaps too many windows on the dormer of the middle building too much glass. Suggest continue the clapboard between the windows on the east façade of the barn. PL- fenced area in front of barn seems 'busy'. MR says the area before it will be planted. PL also has some concern about the building behind's connection to the mansard and barn. The attachments have been purposely minimized. PL also concerned about the dormers on the middle building.

DH-Some suggested redesign of the connections of the buildings were made so the rectangular volume of the large building behind did not come smashing into the barn. Cupola change to 6 over 6 to be more consistent with historical designs. The connector between the middle house and the back building has dropped behind the ridge of the middle house.

Roofing on pavilion in Post Office Square would be a good example of the metal roof detailing which would be better than some of the "fast food" variety, should metal raised roofing be chosen for the barn building. DH would like to see details of the connections of the trim and other details between the 'houses' and the back building drawn and studied before next meeting. DH commented on the huge improvement with the dormer scheme and porch over the previous iterations. DH would like to ask the design team to look for ways to alter the fenestration of the center dormer of the middle building. Landscaping of the forecourt will be important to make the space not too formal or symmetrical.

AR- suggested pushing the middle dormer of the middle house back to reduce the glass, or to change the look of the dormer. Same dormers on barn but have pair of windows on center with smaller panels in between. – keeping the six windows per dormer but with smaller panels between possibly.

8:30 Application #1216 -Aaron Goff, 498 Main St. window replacement. DH is liaison. The two windows to the south side of the side entry facing Main St. AG wants to put 6 over 9 Brosco window in their place with 3 quarter trim as is in place now. The window closest to the interior corner is to be 6 over 9 also, but with adding the 6 quarter casing to match the other windows on the east gable end.

6 quarter casing on all other windows, DH moves to approve application 1216. Findings: 2 windows in mudroom/breezeway not original profiles appropriate to the house and will be replaced with muntins of a dimension which will match the original windows of the house. The window on the east gable find that the existing window trim is of a lesser dimension than is appropriate for its location, new window with sash dimensions to match the originals and increasing the window trim to 6 quarter to match the other windows in the east gable end of the house. AR seconded, motion passed unanimously.

K A-B polled the commission members about a change in the meeting night.

Respectfully submitted,



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Michaela Moran, Secretary