Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission for 37 North Main St.

Date: June 6, 2018

Commission members present: Nancy Allen, Claudette Bishop, Bob Clark, Jeremy Gabrenas, Melissa Martinez, Lynn Shaw

Commission members absent: Chris Mandel

Others present: Stephen Kieras

Attachments: Agenda, notice, list of abutters, project application

Hearing:

To review a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed modifications to the windows on the garage at 37 North Main St. Committee Chair Nancy Allen opened the hearing at 7:05 PM in the Lower Town Hall.

Commission members previously conducted a site visit on May 9, 2018, to review the plans for proposed alterations.

The Commission received a letter from Candace Anderson, the east side abutter at 36 North Main St., expressing support for either 2-over-2 or 6-over-6 replacement windows.

The garage at 37 North Main St. is a mid-20th century structure made of wood and concrete block, and is currently sheathed in vinyl siding. The owner wishes to replace the two front 2-over-2 windows with wood divided light windows, and would like to maintain as much choice of window style as possible for the sake of economy when purchasing the replacements. Options include 2-over-2, 6-over-6, 1-over-1, 2-over-1, and 4-over-4.

Commission members discussed the various window design options and the advantages and disadvantages of each. The commission determined that the two most appropriate options are 2-over-2, since they match the existing windows, or 6-over-6, since they match the house's windows and, as mentioned by the abutter, potentially introduce some similarity between the garage and the house. Lynn Shaw moved, and Melissa Martinez seconded, that the HDC allow installation of either 2-over-2 or 6-over-6 windows, which was unanimously approved.

Claudette Bishop moved and Bob Clark seconded that we close the hearing at 7:30 pm, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudette Bishop, Clerk

Approved by:

Approved by HDC at August 16, 2018 Meeting