Minutes of the Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission

Date: May 16, 2019

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

Commission members absent: Melissa Martinez

Others present: None

Chairperson Nancy Allen opened the meeting 7:10.

Agenda Items

Review previous meeting minutes

Minutes of March 18, 2019 (hearing): Bob Clark moved and Jeremy Gabrenas seconded to read the minutes. With some amendments noted, Bob Clark moved and Jeremy Gabrenas seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Four members approved; one abstained due to their absence from the March 18 meeting.

Minutes of March 21, 2019: Bob Clark moved and Jeremy Gabrenas seconded to read the minutes. With some amendments noted, Lynn Shaw moved and Bob Clark seconded to accept the minutes as amended, which was unanimously approved.

Minutes of March 25, 2019 (hearing): Jeremy Gabrenas moved and Lynn Shaw seconded to read the minutes. With some amendments noted, Jeremy Gabrenas moved and Bob Clark seconded to accept the minutes as amended, which was unanimously approved..

Minutes of March 25, 2019 (regular meeting): With some amendments noted, Lynn Shaw moved and Jeremy Gabrenas seconded to accept the minutes as amended, which was unanimously approved.

Review any project applications and queries

None

Business permits

None

Review Commission Membership

Discussion continued about the importance of having a knowledgeable member on HDC from the Petersham Historical Society. Several Society members have been approached, but it's unclear if any are available or interested. Nancy Allen said the Society has asked members about their interest, and meets again in early July. Nancy said she would ask Society members to make a recommendation to the HDC.

Discussion of replacement windows on the barn at 37 North Main St.

At the hearing re: 37 North Main St. held on June 6, 2018, approval was given for installation of either 2/2 or 6/6 pane windows in the front eastern façade of the existing garage. However, an HDC member recently noticed that the new windows are 1/1. Commission members agreed this should not have happened, since the guidance from the hearing and on the Certificate of Appropriateness was clear. Nancy Allen offered to look into the matter with Steve Kieras, the contractor, and report back so the Commission can discuss next steps.

Correspondence

Informational email re: upcoming programs received from Christopher Skelly of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Claudette Bishop moved and Lynn Shaw seconded to adjourn the meeting, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudette Bishop, Clerk

– signed orginal on file with Town Clerk

Approved by:

Meeting Minutes approved at HDC meeting of July 18 2019